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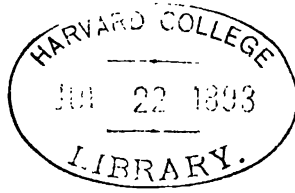


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OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE.

CHANCELLORS.

- 149⁴₅. William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen.
"Statuentes similiter et ordinantes quod venerabilis frater noster Willelmus et pro tempore existens Episcopus Aberdonensis sit studii et Universitatis huiusmodi Cancellarius." Pope Alexander VI.'s Bull of Erection, 10th February, 149⁴₅. Died 25th October, 1514. (*Registrum Episc. Aberd.*, II. 249.) Portrait in possession of University, reproduced in *Fasti Aberdonenses* (Spald. Club).
1515. Alexander Gordon, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 30th June, 1518. (*Reg. Ep. Ab.*, II. 249.)
1518. Gavin Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 10th March, 153¹₂. (*Reg. Ep. Ab.*, II. 211.) Portrait in possession of University, reproduced in *Lacunar Basil. S. Macarii Aberd.* (New Spald. Club).
1532. William Stewart, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died April, 1545. (Spotswood.)
1546. William Gordon, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died August, 1577. (Spotswood.)
1577. David Cunningham, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 30th August, 1600. (*Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ*, III. 884.)
1600. Peter Blackburn, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 14th June, 1616. (*Fasti Eccl. Scot.*, III. 884.) Portrait in possession of University.
1617. Alexander Forbes, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 24th November, 1617. (*Fasti Eccl. Scot.*, III. 884.)
1618. Patrick Forbes, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Died 28th March, 1635. (*Fasti Eccl. Scot.*, III. 885.) Portrait in possession of University, reproduced in *Wodrow's Biog. Coll.* (New Spald. Club).
1635. Adam Bellenden, Bishop of Aberdeen.
Deposed 1638; died 1647.

1643, January 6. George, second Marquis of Huntly.

Beheaded 22nd March, 1649. Portrait in *Records of Aboyme* (New Spald. Club).
The Minute of Election follows.

"At the Kingis Colledge of Aberdeen the sex day of Januarij 1643 yeiris.

"The said day, the rector, principall, and memberis forsaidis convenit, wnderstanding that, be the fundatioun of the said universitie, the office of chancellor of the said universitie and dignitie therof belongit and consistit in the persones of the pretendit bischopes of Aberdein, and that the name office dignitie and place of the saidis bischopes ar be the lawes of this kingdom abolished and extinct; and considering that it is verie necessar, be the said fundatioun, and for preservatioun of the liberties of the said universitie, comprehending the said kingis colledge of Aberdein and colledge Marschall, that ther be ane honorable and fit persoun elected nominat and choosine: Therfor the rector, principall, and haill members forsaidis convenit, all in on voice, efter dew and matur deliberatioun have nominat elected and chosine, and be thir presentis nominatis electis and chooses, ane noble and mightie marques, George marques of Huntlie, erle Enzie, lord Gordoun and Badzienoch, etc., to be chancellor of the said universitie, callit kyng Charles universitie and colledges theroff forsaidis, and haill appendices of the samen, and electis nominatis and choosis his lordship to the haill dignities honouris liberties and privileges, that hes concerned or presentlie concernes the said office of chancellorie of the said universitie, conforme to the fundatioun forsaid."

Lord Huntly's four sons studied at King's College. (Entrants of 1630, 1638; *Spalding*, II. 216.)

1660. John, second Earl of Lauderdale.

Scottish Notes and Queries, V. 92. The Minute of Election is not extant. Died 24th August, 1682.

1662. David Mitchell, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Died January, 1663.

1663. Alexander Burnet, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Translated to Glasgow 1664, to St. Andrews 1679. Died 24th August, 1684.

1664. Patrick Scougal, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Died 16th February, 1682. Portrait in possession of University.

1682. George Haliburton, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Deposed 1688. Died 29th September, 1715.

1700, February 5. John, eleventh Earl of Erroll.

"The detriment redoundeing to the Society for want of a Chancelour having in two former meetings been well weighed and considered." Died 30th December, 1704.

1705, February 12. Charles, twelfth Earl of Erroll.

Resigned office 14th May, 1716. Died 16th October, 1717.

1716, May 14. Archibald, Earl of Ilay.

Third Duke of Argyll, 1743. "Upon weighty motives" did not accept the chancellorship; but the title was often given to him. Died 15th April, 1761.

1718, September 1. John, first Duke of Roxburgh.

Died 24th February, 1741.

1761, May 20. James, Lord Deskford.

Sixth Earl of Findlater, 1764. "The Masters considering the great loss which the University sustains for the want of a Chancellor." Died 3rd November, 1770.

1793, February 20. Alexander, fourth Duke of Gordon.

Voted for by Rector, Principal, Subprincipal, Dr. Thom, Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. Gordon and Dr. Bannerman. Robert Dundas of Arniston, Lord Advocate, voted for by Dr. A. Gerard, Dr. Dunbar and Dr. G. Gerard. "His Grace," the minute runs, "is of all others the most natural choice, several of his predecessors having also held that office, and his father and many of that family and their connexions having been educated here." Dr. Dunbar enters a protest. Died 17th June, 1827.

1827, August 8. George, fourth Earl of Aberdeen.

Unanimously, "feeling confidence in the attachment of his Lordship to the University from the services which he has already rendered, and from the connection of one of the most eminent of his ancestors [see under 'Regents,' 1659] with this Seminary". Joint Chancellor (with Charles, fifth Duke of Richmond) of the University of Aberdeen, 15th September, 1860; sole Chancellor 21st October; died 14th December.

RECTORS.¹

1498. Mr. Andrew Lyell.

"Thesaurarius noster." Elphinstone's Confirmation of the King's grant of the patronage of Slains. (King's Coll. Muniment Room, Old Chest, i. 1.)

1501.² Mr. Andrew Liell.

Elphinstone's publication of two Bulls by Pope Alexander VI. (O. C., xliii. 8.)

¹ No directions as to the method of electing the Rector are to be found in Pope Alexander VI.'s Bull of Erection of 1494, in Bishop Elphinstone's Foundation of 1505, or in Bishop Dunbar's Confirmation of 1531: such being apparently regarded as part of the common law of Universities (v. "Stellung des Rectors innerhalb der Universität" in Denifle, pp. 106-132, 181-192). In Dunbar's Charter four "procuratores nationum" appear among the electors of the principal, canonist, civilist, mediciner, subprincipal and grammarian: but the nations are not defined. The Rector is enjoined to hold an annual Visitation of the College "cum consilio et avisamento quatuor proborum virorum magistrorum dicte Universitatis a dicta Universitate eligendorum"; the origin of the Rector's Assessors.

According to the "Nova Fundatio" (see Appendix II.) "Rector . . . eligatur per omnes Academiae suppositos in quatuor nationes ita ut Aberdoniae diocesis propter frequentiore numerum in duas nationes secetur, Marrensem et Buchanensem, Marriae Gariocha adjungatur, quod superest a Doverna amni Buchaniae cedat; reliquum regni quod ad septentrionem montis Grampii est, Moraviensis nationis nomine contineatur; ultra montem Grampium ad austrum vergens Angusiensis natio vocatur. Harum nationum singuli sint Procuratores, qui Rectorem ejusque Assessores eligant." In the first extant account of the election of a Rector (30th June, 1634) it will be seen that the Nations are styled Aberdeen (which becomes Mar in 1640), Angus, Moray, Lothian; but the Procurators seem to be elected by the Masters (16th November, 1640). The boundaries of the Nations are given in Middleton's Appendix to Spotswood (1677), which contains the earliest detailed description of the Aberdeen Universities. Aberdeen included the shires of Aberdeen and Banff; Angus, those of Angus and Mearns; Moray, all north of the Spey; Lothian, the rest of Scotland. Cf. election of 1856.

² In the list of Rectors given in *Fasti Aberd.*, p. lxxvi., is found the name of Mr. William Strathachin, under date 1499. The sole authority for this entry seems to be a marginal note ("Mr. Gul. Strathachin 1^{mus} Rector et Vicarius perpetuus B. M. ad Nives") in Professor John Ker's handwriting, on p. 100 of the Parchment Chartulary. (O. C., xli. 22.) The reference is obviously to the first Rector and Vicar of the Church of S. Maria ad Nives, founded by Bishop Elphinstone, under a Bull from Pope Alexander VI. of date 20th February, 1497. (O. C., xvii. 3, 4, 5, 6.)

1506. Mr. Alexander Cullan.
 Prebendary of Oyne. Commission directed to him by Elphinstone. (O. C., xxv. 35.)
1516. Mr. Alexander Galloway.
 Official of Aberdeen. Collation by Mr. Alexander Hay of Mr. Alexander Lawson to a Burse in Canon Law. (O. C., xxvi. 6.) John Tyre, James Lyndesay, and Andrew Kyninmond are named as "procuratores nationum" in this deed.
- 15— Mr. Alexander Hay.
 Professor Gordon's MS. Collections in University Library.
1521. Mr. Alexander Galloway.
 Gordon's MS.
1529. Mr. Gilbert Strathauchin.
Fasti Aberd., p. lxxvi., but not in Gordon's MS.¹
1530. Mr. Alexander Galloway.
Fasti, p. lxxvi., but not in Gordon's MS.
1531. Mr. Gilbert Strathauchin.
 Signs Dunbar's Confirmation. (O. C., xlviii. 3.)
1535. Mr. David Dischinton.
 Precentor of the Cathedral. *Fasti*, p. lxxvi., but not in Gordon's MS.
1537. Mr. Alexander Spittal.
 Canon, Prebendary of Clatt. (Parchment Chartulary, p. 144.)
1538. Mr. Alexander Spittal.
 Instrument of possession to the Chaplains of the Choir. (O. C., xix. 5.)
1539. Mr. Alexander Hay.
Fasti. Not in Gordon.
1542. Mr. James Strathauchin.
 Prebendary of Belhelvy. *Registrum omnium vasorum*, etc. Made at his Visitation, the first on record. (O. C., xxiii. 1.) The Assessors are Mr. Alexander Galloway, canon of Aberdeen and prebendary of Kinkell; Mr. Alexander Spittal, canon and prebendary of Clatt; Mr. James Wawin, canon and prebendary of Oyne; Mr. John Elphinstone, canon and prebendary of Inner-nochty. In the following year Strathauchin was Rector of the University of S. Andrews.
1549. Mr. Alexander Galloway.
 Prebendary of Kinkell. Account of his Visitation, the second on record. (O. C., xxiii. 2.) The Assessors are Mr. Patrick Myrtoun, archdeacon of Aberdeen; Mr. Alexander Spittal; Mr. James Wawane; Mr. Duncan Burnett, canon and prebendary of Methlik.

¹ Unfortunately Mr. Cosmo Innes, in the lists prefixed by him to the *Fasti*, too often quotes no authorities for the statements made.

1563. Mr. Alexander Setoun.

Chancellor of Aberdeen. Presentation of Mr. John Kennedy to a burse.
(O. C., ii. 16.)

1592. Mr. Nicholas Hay.

Civilist and Commissary. "*Vide* his gravestone in the College Chapel,"
Gordon's MS. (I. 10; II. 179). See under "Civilists".

1600. Mr. John Strauchane.

Parson of Kincardine O'Neil. *Fasti*; which also gives years 1608, 1612, 1614.
Gordon makes him Rector only in 1602, 1605, 1609, 1610, 1613 (I. 11; II. 173-7).

1618. Mr. John Strauchane.

Charter on Umfray's Croft. (O. C., xxxiii. 12.)

1619, September 14. Mr. John Leythe.

Elected by Commissioners of Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 4.)

1623. Mr. James Sandilands.

Commissary. Record of Royal Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 4².)

1628. Mr. James Sandilands.

Record of Chancellor's Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 5.) Gordon makes him
Rector also in 1626, 1627, 1630, 1631 (I. 11; II. 179). According to *Fasti*, "1623
to 1633, inclusive". See also under "Canonists". Portrait by Jameson in pos-
session of University. Tombstone in Cathedral of S. Machar.

1634, June 30. Mr. John Forbes, doctor and professor of Divinity.

As this is the first regular election of a Rector on record, the minute, which
does not appear in *Fasti Aberd.*, is quoted verbatim.

"At the Bischopis pallace of Abd. the last day of Junij Mv^{ic} threttie four
yeiris in presence of the memberis of the Universitie these ar to say: doctor
Williame Leslie principall of the Kingis Colledge of Abd., doctor Williame Gor-
doune mediciner of the said Universitie, mr James Sandilandis canonist, mr
David Leiche subprincipall, mr Johnne Lundie grammarian, mr Gilbert Ross
cantor, mr Robert Ogilvie, mr William Strauchen, mr Alexander Middletowne
and Alexander Scrogie, procuratores nationum, being all convened according
to ane preceeding act of the daitt at the said Bischopis pallace the twantie sex
day of Junij of this instant, for electing and chuising the Rector of the said
Universitie, thay have all in ane voyce maid electioun of mr Johnne Forbes
doctor and professor of Divinitie in the said Universitie till the twantie four day
of Junij nixt. Quhilk the said mr Johnne hes accepted in and wpone him wpone
this conditioun and protestatioun that quhat be vertue of the said office he sall
lawfullie inact and ordaine the said memberis of the said Universitie and Kingis
Colledge within it, maisteris, regentis, and wtheris salbe lyable to obey wnder
the paine off all hiest censure that may follow therwpone. Whiche protesta-
tioun wes admitted and allowed be all the memberis forsaidis and ratifiet be
the chancellor of the said Universitie. In verificatioun quheroff the haill for-
saidis memberis have sett their handis therto day yeir and place forsaid and
subscrivit with the hand of mr Robert Reid clerk of the Universitie forsaid.

- "Sic subscribitur Pa : Aberdene
 "Mr. Willesli prin^{ll}
 "Mr. Williame Gordoune mediciner
 "Mr. James Sandilandis canonista
 "Mr. D. Leiche subprin^{ll}
 "Mr. J. Lundie gramarian
 "Mr. Gilbert Ross cantor
 "Mr. Ro : Ogilvie pro^r Angusiensis
 "Mr. Gul : Strachan pro^r Moraviensis
 "Mr. A. Middletoune pro^r Laudonienis
 "Al : Scrogie pro^r Aberdonensis." [Student.]

[Regents.]

On 7th July the rector, principal, canonist, mediciner, subprincipal, gramarian and cantor nominate Drs. Patrick Dune, Robert Barroune and James Sibbald "assessoris in the former act" of 30th June, and these three sign the minute as homologating the election of Dr. Forbes. Immediately thereafter the same ten, together with the three regents, elect Drs. Barroune, Sibbald, Dune and Dr. Alexander Scrogie "assessoris and visitoris with the said rector till the 24 day of Junij next to cum. . . . Lykas the saidis memberis hawe apoyntit tuo generall visitatiounes ordinar to be yeerlie be the rector his assessoris and the rest of the memberis wpoune the first Twysday of November the ane and the [uther] wpoune the first Twysday of Junij yeerlie, but prejudice to the said rector as occasioun offeris for the said Universitie and Colledge weel and sattleing the effairis of the samen wpoune lawfull citatioune, to indict and call ane visitatioune at his pleasour at all tymes convenient." Dr. Barroune is also elected dean of the faculty of divinity, Dr. Dun dean of the faculty of medicine, the canonist dean of the faculty of law, and the subprincipal dean of the faculty of philosophy; but in future "ewerie deane of facultie sall be chosen be his awen facultie".

1635, June 24. Dr. John Forbes of Corse.

Procurators as in previous year: Mr. Alexander Scrogie being styled "younger". Assessors: Doctors Robert Barroune, Alexander Scrogie, James Sibbald and Alexander Rose. The principal is elected dean of faculty of divinity; the other three deans are re-elected.

1636, June 24. Dr. Alexander Scrogie.

Minister of Old Machar. Procurators: Mr. Robert Ogilvie, Mr. Alexander Middletoune, Mr. Alexander Gardyne, regents; John Forbes, student. No minute of election of assessors, but Doctors John Forbes of Corse, William Guild, Alexander Rose and Patrick Dun are so styled 5th January, 1637.

1637, June 23. Dr. Arthour Jhonstoun, one off his sacred majesties medicineris.

Procurators: the same three regents and Mr. George Halyburton. Assessors: Doctors Alexander Scrogie, William Guild, Alexander Ross and Patrick Dun. Portrait by Jameson in possession of the University, reproduced in *Musa Lat. Aberd.*, I. (New Spald. Club).

1638, June 25. Dr. Alexander Ross.

Minister of third charge of S. Nicholas. Elected for year ending 24th June, 1639. Procurators: Mr. Alexander Middeltoune, Mr. Alexander Gardyne, Mr. Alexander Scrogie, regents; William Raitt, student. Assessors: Doctors Alexander Scrogie, Johnstoun, Barroune and Dun.

1639. Dr. Alexander Ross.

No extant minute between 25th June, 1638, and 13th October, 1639.

1639, October 13. Dr. William Guild.

Minister of second charge of S. Nicholas. In place of Dr. Ross deceased; elected for period ending 1st November, 1640. Procurators: Mr. Alexander Middeltoune and Mr. Alexander Gardyne, regents; Mr. Johnie Lillie, Mr. Henerie Thome. In future, Rector to be chosen at Hallowmas (Min. of 11th Nov.). Assessors: (11th Nov.) Dr. James Sibbald (also dean of faculty of theologie), Dr. Patrick Dun (also dean of faculty of medicine, the subprincipal being dean of faculty of philosophy), Mr. William Moir, baillie, Mr. William Robertson, minister at Aberdeen. Portrait in Bain's *Merchant and Craft Guilds*.

1640, November 16. Dr. William Guild.

Who had been elected principal on 18th August. The principal, two assessors, civilist, subprincipal and grammarian elect procurators: Mr. Alexander Middeltoune, Mr. Alexander Gardyne, Mr. Patrick Gordoune, regents, and Mr. Robert Innes; who unite with the aforesaid members in choosing the rector. The rector with consent of the others nominates as his assessors Dr. Dun, Mr. William Robertson, Mr. Thomas Sandilands, commissary, and Mr. William Moir.

1641. Dr. William Guild.

No minute between 30th June, 1641, and 26th January, 1642. Is styled Rector at later date. Assessors as in previous year (5th July), Mr. William Moir being styled Professor of Mathematics [in Marischal College].

1642, November 11. Dr. William Guild.

"Rector of King Charles Universitie of Aberdeen, comprehending the said King's Colledge and Marschall Colledge." The electors are Dr. Guild himself (as Principal of King's College), Dr. Patrick Dun (Principal of Marischal College), and the other three assessors, the civilist, subprincipal, grammarian and three regents. There is no mention of procurators, who do not reappear in connection with elections of rectors till 1760. Same four assessors re-nominated.

1643, November 23. Dr. William Guild.

Re-elected in similar terms. Assessors: Mr. William Strauchin, Mr. William Robertson, Mr. Thomas Sandelands, Mr. William Raitt in Old Aberdeen.

1644. Dr. William Guild.

No minute between 7th October and 4th December. Is Rector at latter date.

- 1645, April 23. Mr. David Lindsay, minister of Belhelvie.
 Dr. Guild having "demitted my said office of Rectory," Mr. Lindsay is elected to 23rd April, 1646. The phrase "King Charles University" is abandoned. Assessors: the commissar, the professor of Divinity, Mr. William Strachan, Mr. William Robertson.
1646. Mr. David Lindsay.
 No minute between 13th November, 1645, and 24th June, 1646. Is Rector on 13th November, 1646. Assessors: Mr. William Strachan, Mr. William Douglas, Mr. William Robertson.
- 1647, April 15. Mr. David Lindsay.
1648. Mr. David Lindsay.
 Is Rector on 5th October.
1649. Mr. David Lindsay.
 Is Rector on 18th June.
1650. Mr. David Lindsay.
 Is Rector on 14th March. No minutes are extant for the years 1651-62.¹
1651. "Andrew Cant, one of the ministers of Aberdeen."
Fasti, p. lxxvii., but not in Gordon's MS.
- 1659-60. Mr. Alexander Scrogie.
 Principal Row's accounts for 1659-60, printed in *Fasti*, p. 606.
- 1663, November 10. Mr. William Scrogie, minister of Rathven.
 Assessors: Mr. Alexander Ross of Monemusk, Mr. William Graye of Auchterless, Mr. George Burnet at Kincairne, Mr. Alexander Davidsons, advocate (Dec. 8). Ross and Burnet decline "by reasone of their tender and valetudinarie condition" (Feb. 17, 1664). Mr. George Methven, minister at Udnie, admitted (Feb. 18).
1664. Mr. William Scrogie.
 Is Rector 27th September. Minute of Visitation, *Fasti*, p. 316.
- 1665, April 25. Mr. William Scrogie.
 Continued Rector till Michaelmas.
1666. Mr. William Scrogie.
 Is Rector on 5th February. Is Bishop of Argyll on 25th June.
1667. Mr. John Menzies, professor of Divinity, Marischal College.
 Gordon's MS.
1668. Mr. Robert Reynolds, minister of Old Machar.
 Chartulary, p. 8.
- 1669, May 13. Mr. Robert Reynolds.
 Election to be on first Monday of June. Assessors: Mr. James Gordoune of Nether Banchory, Mr. David Lyell and Mr. Patrick Sibbald, ministers of Aberdeen, Lodovick Gordoune, M.D. (May 24).

¹ "The gravestone of one Mr. John Leith of Blairton, in the south passage of Old Machar Cathedral, who died 1670, bears that he was Rector Universitatis Aberdonensis, without giving the year." *Gordon*.

- 1670, June 1. Mr. Robert Reynolds.
1672. Mr. William Scrogie.
- 1673, January 13. Mr. George Nicholson of Cluny.
 "The late Rector, Mr. William Scrogie, being removit." Elected Civilist.
 7th May.
- 1674, July 2. Mr. John Menzies, professor of Divinity, Mar. Coll.
 Assessors: Mr. Henry Scougall, professor-elect of Theology, Mr. George Innes, parson of Belhelvie, Mr. Arthur Gordon, advocate, Mr. Lewes Gordon, M.D. (July 6).
1675. Mr. William Scrogie. [?]
Fasti, p. lxxviii., but not in Gordon's MS.
- 1676, July 3. Mr. John Menzies.
 "Continued."
- 1677, July 4. Mr. John Menzies.
- 1678, July 8. Mr. John Menzies.
 1680-83. No minutes extant.
1682. Mr. John Menzies.
Fasti, p. lxxviii.: not in Gordon.
1683. Mr. James Scougall, commissary.
- 1684, October 24. Mr. James Scougall.
 Re-elected. Appointed Civilist at same time. Demits office of Rector
 24th October, 1685.
1688. Dr. Patrick Urquhart, mediciner.
Fasti, p. lxxviii.: not in Gordon. No minutes extant for years 1690-99.
1698. Sir Thomas Burnett of Lyes.
 Chartulary, p. 90.
- 1705, June 18. David Forbes of Leslie.
 Chancellor had urged election (April 9). Assessors: Mr. Archibald Forbes, Puttachie, Mr. George Anderson, professor of Divinity, Dr. William Blair, minister in Aberdeen, Mr. Alexander Thomson of Portlethen: chosen by Rector's advice from a leet of eight furnished by masters. The others suggested were Mr. William Dunbar, minister of Cruden; Mr. James Sandilands of Craibstone; Baillie William Gordon, Old Aberdeen; and Mr. Thomas Orem, Old Aberdeen.
- 1706, December 2. David Forbes of Leslie.
- 1708, February 3. Archibald Forbes of Puttachy.
 No extant minutes between March, 1706, and January, 1709; but see New Chest, xxxviii.
- 1709, March 12. Sir William Forbes of Craigievar.
 Assessors: Mr. Alexander Thomsons of Portlethine, Mr. Thomas Hay, sheriff-clerk, Mr. John Stewart of Denny, Mr. David Corse, minister of Aberdeen (Dec. 3).

1711, May 7. John Farquharstone of Invercauld.

Two years had elapsed since last election.

1718, March 27. Arthur Forbes of Echt.

Elected for one year by principal and masters. Assessors: Mr. Alexander Mitchell and Mr. William Smith, ministers at Old Aberdeen, Mr. William Dyce, minister at Belhelvie, Mr. Alexander Thomson of Portlethen. All five take oath de fidei (April 17). "Rectorall meetings" (opened and closed with prayer) held on 17th April (being the first "since the College was last visited"), 29th April, 8th May, 27th May. Mr. Forbes is styled "Lord Rector".

1719. Arthur Forbes.

Minute of 23rd March imperfect. Held Rectoral Courts on 29th April, 7th September, 10th March, 1720. Assessors: as in previous year.

1720, March 16. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: Mr. Alexander Thomson, Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Mr. William Dyce, Mr. George Johnstone, minister at Skene.

1721, March 6. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Mr. Alexander Thomson, Mr. William Dyce, Mr. James Howie, minister at Newhills. Rectoral meeting on 8th May.

1722, March 6. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meetings on 8th March, 25th October.

1723, March 18. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: Mr. Alexander Thomson, Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Mr. James Howie, Mr. James Ogilby, minister of Futtie. Rectoral meeting on 10th March, 1724.

1724, March 16. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 9th March, 1725.

1725, March 15. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: Mr. Alexander Thomson, Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Mr. Patrick Duff of Premnay, Mr. Thomas Hay, sheriff-clerk.

1726. Arthur Forbes.

No minute between 21st February and 26th March. Rectoral meeting on 26th November. Assessors: Mr. Alexander Thomson, Mr. Thomas Hay, Mr. Alexander Mitchell.

1727, March 14. Arthur Forbes.

Assessors: as in 1725.

1728, March 12. John Paton of Grandholme.

Assessors: Mr. Thomas Hay, Mr. Alexander Rait, son of laird of Findlastone, Mr. William Smith, minister at Old Aberdeen, Mr. James Udney, advocate. Rectoral meeting on 21st March.

1729, March 5. John Paton.

Assessors: Mr. William Smith, Mr. John Lumsden, minister at Banchorie, Mr. Thomas Hay, Mr. James Udney.

1730, February 25. John Paton.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meetings on 7th December, 28th December.

1731, February 8. John Paton.

Assessors: as last year.

1732, February 28. John Paton.

Assessors: Mr. John Lumsden, Mr. Thomas Hay, Mr. James Udney, Mr. James Mitchell, minister in Old Aberdeen. Rectoral meeting on 22nd March.

1733, March 12. John Paton.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meetings on 15th March, 21st September.

1760, May 13.¹ George Middleton of Seaton.

Supported by Professor Lumsden, the Mediciner, the Humanist, Mr. Reid and Professor George Gordon: together with Procurators, Patrick Duff of Premnay, Moray; Patrick Wilson, Angus; Mr. David Dalrymple, advocate, Lothian; Mr. Theodore Gordon, Mar.

George Burnet of Kemnay was supported by the Principal, the Subprincipal, the Civilist, Mr. Macleod and Mr. Leslie: together with their nominees as Procurators, Baillie Andrew Burnet, merchant, Moray; James Thomson of Portlethen, Angus; Professor Francis Skene, Mar. Coll., Lothian; Provost John Robertson of Pitmillan, Mar.

The Principal gave his casting vote for Mr. Burnet, but Professor Lumsden protested against his deliberative vote. No Assessors are spoken of. The Civilist having died on 24th November, the same Procurators vote in new election on 27th (see under "Civilists").

1761, June 1. George Middleton.

Procurators: Charles Forbes of Sheils, Moray; Patrick Wilson, Angus; Thomas Mossman, advocate, Lothian [Mr. Theodore Gordon, Mar, being absent: see May 14], vote with Professor Lumsden, the Mediciner, the Humanist, Mr. Reid and Professor George Gordon in this election.

1762, May 14. George Middleton.

Procurators: Charles Forbes of Sheils, Moray; Patrick Wilson, Esq., Angus; Alexander Innes, commissary-clerk, Lothian; Mr. Alexander Gordon, minister of Kintore, Mar; vote with Professor Lumsden, the Mediciner, the Humanist, Mr. Reid and Professor George Gordon in this election.

For George Burnet of Kemnay vote as Procurators: James Thomson of Portlethen, Mar; Alexander Leslie, merchant, Angus [Provost John Robertson, Moray; Mr. Peter Simson, minister of Inverury, Lothian, being absent], with the Principal, the Subprincipal, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Leslie and Mr. Thom [claiming to be Civilist]. Each party claimed the election.

Mr. Middleton's party named their four Procurators as Assessors. Mr. Burnet's party named Sir Alexander Ramsay of Balmain, Mr. Buchan of Auchmacoy, Dr. Campbell, Principal of Marischal College, and Dr. Gerard,

¹ "As there is no Rector at present."

Professor of Divinity in the same. Mr. Middleton held Rectoral meetings on 5th November, 10th November, 1762; 21st March, 25th April, 10th May, 1763. On 21st March, the Principal and Masters unanimously acknowledge Mr. Middleton as Rector (see under "Civilists," 25th April, 1763); and Messrs. Forbes, Wilson, Innes, and Gordon, as Assessors. On 25th April, the Rector and Assessors consider a long Report from Messrs. Forbes and Wilson, who had been appointed on 21st March a Committee "to revise the Minutes of College Meetings, and other papers that may show the usual forms of proceeding in Rectoral Visitations". (See *Evidence* of Commission of 1826-30, IV. 169.) The Court "find the Institution of the Rectorall Court necessary for the preservation of the College, and find that in all time coming the annual election of a Rector shall proceed without Procuratores Nationum chosen to join in the said election . . . and with regard to the Procuratores in general, find that previous to every election where these are entitled to vote by the Foundation of the College, their election shall not be for a year, or for any stated time, but *pro re nata*". This finding was approved by the Chancellor, Lord Deskford, 10th May.

1763, May 14. George Middleton.

Unanimously. Assessors: Professor Gerard, Marischal College, Mr. Patrick Wilson, Aberdeen, Mr. Alexander Gordon, minister of Kintore, Mr. Alexander Innes, commissary-clerk. No mention of Procuratores Nationum in future.

1764, May 14. George Middleton.

Assessors: Professor Gerard, Mr. Alexander Gordon, Sir Alexander Gordon of Lesmore, Patrick Wilson, Esq.

1765, May 6. George Middleton.

Assessors: Professor Gerard, Mr. Alexander Gordon, Patrick Wilson, Esq., and Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy.

1766, May 5. George Middleton.

Assessors: Principal George Campbell, Mr. John Farquhar, minister of Nigg, Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, Hugh Maclean of Coll.

1768, May 2. Election deferred "that the Society might have an opportunity of conferring together at a full meeting in order to consider whether the above office should continue above two years in the same person at one time".

1786, May 1. Sir William Forbes of Craigievar.

Assessors: George Moir of Scotstown, James Ligertwood of Tillery, John Paton of Grandholme, and Dr. John Brown, Newhills. Rectoral meeting on 15th May.

1787, May 7. Alexander Burnet of Kemnay.

Assessors: as in 1786. Rectoral meeting on 14th May.

1788, May 5. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as in 1786. Rectoral meetings eodem die, and 8th May.

1789, May 4. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: James Ligertwood, John Paton, Dr. John Brown, and Alexander Moir of Scotstown. Rectoral meeting on 13th May.

1790, May 3. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 13th May.

1791, May 2. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 18th May.

1792, May 7. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 23rd May.

1793, May 6. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 27th May.

1794, May 5. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 27th June.

1795, May 5. Sir John M'Pherson, Bart.

Assessors: as last year.

1796, May 2. Sir John M'Pherson.

Assessors: as last year.

1797, May 1. Sir John M'Pherson.

Assessors: Dr. Alexander Moir of Scotstown, James Ligertwood, John Ross of Mayne, Dr. John Brown of Newhills.

1798, May 7. Alexander Burnett of Kemnay.

Assessors: Alexander Moir of Scotstown, John Ross of Mayne, John Paton of Grandholme, and Charles Bannerman, advocate. Rectoral meeting on 31st May.

1799, May 6. Alexander Burnett.

Assessors: as last year. Rectoral meeting on 12th April, 1800.

1800, May 5. Alexander Burnett.

By casting vote of chairman (subprincipal, with whom Sir A. Bannerman, Mr. Ogilvie, Dr. Macpherson), the other name proposed being that of David Scott of Dunninade (for whom Dr. Daune, Dr. Gerard, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bentley). Assessors: Dr. Alexander Moir of Scotstown, John Paton of Grandhome, John Ross of Mayne, and Mr. Charles Bannerman, advocate.

1801, January 3. In connection with the admission of Dr. Jack as subprincipal, Professor Ogilvie protested "that the mode of electing the Rector has been introduced by intrigue and the compromise of party interests, and tho' it may be understood to confer an honorary and titular office of a very equivocal kind, it cannot invest the person so elected with those essential powers and privileges which Bishop Elphinstone meant to entrust only to a constitutional Rector chosen by the whole body of the Suppositi as in Paris. To suppose this is indeed a mockery and a travesty of the Founder's manifest intention. That under cover of this supposition the College Meetings have during the last fifty years ventured on various proceedings in the management of the College Estate, and in the

concerns of the Bursars, which no Rector chosen by the Suppositi would have suffered to pass unrescinded. That therefore the present mode of Election ought to be annulled, and that genuine constitution of the University, to which alone the provisions of the Foundation Charter of King's College refer, or can be applied, ought to be restored." This protest seems to have had no adherents.

1801, May 4. David Scott of Duninald.

Assessors: as last year.

1802, June 16. David Scott.

Assessors: as last year.

1803, May 2. David Scott.

Assessors: as last year.

1804, May 7. David Scott, M.P.

Assessors: Alexander Moir of Scotstown, sheriff of the county, Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, John Ross of Mayne, Mr. Charles Bannerman, advocate.

1805, May 6. David Scott.

Assessors: as last year.

October 29. Rt. Hon. Silvester Douglas, Lord Glenbervie.

"Graduate of this College." In place of Mr. Scott, deceased. Assessors: as before. Election in future to be on last Tuesday of October.

1806, October 28. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1807, October 27. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: Alexander Moir, Thomas Buchan, George Gordon of Hallhead, Alexander Leith of Freefield.

1808, October 25. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year. Election in future to be on Tuesday after Bursary Competition.

1809, October 31. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1810, October 30. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1811, October 29. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1812, October 27. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1813, October 26. Lord Glenbervie.

Assessors: as last year.

1814, November 1. James Ferguson of Pitfour, M.P.

Assessors: Patrick Milne of Crimonmogate, M.P., Alexander Moir of Scotstown, Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, Robert William Duff of Fetteresso.

1815, October 31. James Ferguson.

Assessors: as last year. (See under Minute of Nov. 15.)

1816, December 2. James Ferguson.

Assessors: as last year. Two previous minutes were considered at this meeting.

"October 29, 1816.

"Convened—The Principal, Dr. Daunev, Dr. Macpherson, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Paul and Mr. Macpherson.

"The members . . . taking into consideration that this is the day appointed for the election of Rector and Assessors . . . and David Cromar having been sent to Dr. Jack's house for the minute book, Dr. Jack called out Dr. Daunev into the adjoining room, and the remaining members after waiting for a considerable time were informed by David Cromar on his return that the Principal desired him to say that there was no meeting. Thereafter the members to whom this was intimated, having taken into consideration that a meeting regularly convened for the despatch of important business at which they had intromitted with the mortification funds to a considerable extent, and at which they had annually for many years exercised their rights of election in the appointment of Rector and Assessors, could not be dissolved by such a proceeding as had just been had recourse to without a regular record of the *res gestae*, they unanimously called Dr. Macpherson as senior member to the chair, and drew up this minute, at the same time declining to proceed for the present in the elections for which they were legally convened, as being unwilling to involve the respectable gentlemen who might be proposed, in the disputes of the society.

(Signed) "Hugh Macpherson, Praeses."

"November 16, 1816.

"Convened—The Principal, Professor Ogilvie, Dr. Daunev and Dr. Bannerman, in consequence of a notice officially intimated to all concerned from the Principal fixing this day for the election of a Rector and Assessors: the nomination of the present office-bearers expiring on the eighteenth current. The Principal and professors above named attended in the meeting-room at twelve o'clock the hour appointed; but altho' the College servant was sent by the Principal to the other resident professors, requiring their immediate attendance, none of them thought proper to make their appearance, or so much as to return an answer. The Principal and professors who attended having waited till half-an-hour after one o'clock, and there being no prospect of the attendance of any other member, those present in place of proceeding to a regular election were of opinion that all circumstances considered it was most expedient to declare it to be their understanding that the Lord Rector and Assessors now in office shall be requested to continue their functions for the ensuing year, and the Principal was authorised to intimate this resolution to the gentlemen concerned accordingly.

(Signed) "William Jack, Principal."

[See under "Subprincipals," November 23, 1815.]

1817, October 28. George, fourth Earl of Aberdeen.

Elected by the *Senatus*: so called for the first time. Assessors: as last year.
Rectoral meeting on 22nd September, 1818.

1818, October 27. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1819, October 26. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: Patrick Milne of Crimmonmogate, Alexander Moir of Scotstown,
Robert William Duff of Fetteresso, James Urquhart of Meldrum.

1820, October 31. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: Alexander Moir, Robert William Duff, James Urquhart and
Charles Bannerman of Crimmonmogate.

1821, October 30. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1822, October 26. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1823, October 28. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1824, October 26. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: R. W. Duff, James Urquhart, Charles Bannerman and John
Garioch of Heathcot.

1825, November 2. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1826, November 1. Earl of Aberdeen.

Assessors: as last year.

1827, August 28. John, eighth Viscount Arbuthnott.

October 31. Assessors: as last year.

1828, October 29. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Assessors: as last year.

1829, October 28. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Assessors: as last year.

1830, October 27. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Assessors: as last year.

1831, November 2. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Assessors: as last year.

1832, October 31. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Assessors: as last year.

1833, October 30. Viscount Arbuthnott.

The Principal proposed the Right Honourable Charles Grant, but this was
not seconded. Assessors: as last year.

1834,¹ October 29. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Principal again proposed Mr. Grant. Assessors: Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Garioch and Theodore Gordon of Overhall: Dr. Forbes dissenting from election of last.

1835, October 28. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Principal proposed Mr. Grant, now Lord Glenelg. Assessors: as last year.

1836, November 2. Viscount Arbuthnott.

Principal proposed Earl of Errol. Assessors: Charles Bannerman, John Garioch, Robert Grant of Tillyfour, Thomas Abercromby Duff of Haddo.

1837, November 1. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1838, October 31. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1839, October 30. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1840, October 28. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: Sir Charles Bannerman, Bart., of Elsick, John Garioch, Robert Grant, T. A. Duff.

1841, October 17. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1842, November 2. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1843, November 1. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1844, October 31. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: Sir Charles Bannerman, Robert Grant, T. A. Duff and Sir Michael Bruce, Bart.

1845, October 30. Lord Francis Egerton.

Assessors: as last year.

1846, October 29. Lord Francis Egerton, now first Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors: as last year.

1847, October 28. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors: Sir C. Bannerman, Sir M. Bruce, R. Grant and William Brodie of Brodie.

1848, November 2. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors: as last year.

1849, March 3. Hugh Fraser Leslie of Powis, Assessor in place of Sir M. Bruce, resigned.

¹ 1834, March 22, 25. Certain students demand a perusal of the Foundation and other charters, considering themselves as "entitled to certain rights and privileges, such as the power of electing the Lord Rector". Drs. Macpherson and Mearns are authorised to confer with them and to exhibit such records "as may appear proper to them".

1849,¹ November 1. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : as last year.

1850, November 5. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : Sir C. Bannerman, R. Grant, H. A. Leslie ; and
November 9, Admiral Gordon, M.P.

1851, November 1. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : R. Grant, H. F. Leslie, Admiral Gordon, M.P., James Loch, M.P.

1852, October 30. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : as last year.

November 6. Major Cumming Bruce, Assessor in place of H. F. Leslie,
resigned.

1853, November 5. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : R. Grant, Admiral Gordon, Major Cumming Bruce and Sir James
Matheson, M.P.

1854, November 11. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : R. Grant, Major Cumming Bruce, Sir J. Matheson and the
Marquis of Stafford.

1855, November 10. Earl of Ellesmere.

Assessors : as last year.

1856, November 13. Earl of Ellesmere.

Elected for four years by the *Graduates*. At a conference held on 6th April, 1856, between the Senatus and a deputation of the Graduates of the University, an agreement was entered into in conformity with a scheme adopted by the Senatus on 20th April, 1855, and sanctioned by the Chancellor, to the effect that in future the Lord Rector, two of the four Assessors, and the four Procuratores Nationum should be chosen by the Masters of Arts of the University (not holding mere honorary degrees), and that the Senatus should confirm the election so made. It was further agreed that Graduates should keep their names on the Register of the University by annual payment of 2s. 6d., or by a single life payment of £1 1s.; and should meet every two years for the election of University Officers; voting to be by voting papers, *per capita* for the Rector and Assessors, *per nationes* for the Procurators. The limits of the Nations were fixed thus:—

Moray=the Synod of Moray.

Mar=the Synod of Aberdeen north of the Dee.

Angus=the Synods of Aberdeen south of the Dee, Angus and Mearns, Stirling and Perth, and Fife.

Lothian=the rest of the world.

¹ 1849, November 24. Resolved by a majority "that in conformity with a practice long current in the University, but which has recently been departed from, in the event of a vacancy taking place in the office of Lord Rector or Assessor, to the Lord Rector, the election shall be made annually as at present, but that the period of office shall be limited to two years only".

The results of the first election, held on 15th October, 1856, were as follows :—

Rector: Earl of Ellesmere,	279
John Inglis,	51
Assessors: Henry James Baillie, M.P.,	159
Alexander Matheson, M.P.,	142
Charles L. Cumming Bruce, M.P.,	119
William Baxter, M.P.,	83
Rev. David M'Taggart, D.D.,	77
Alexander Kilgour, M.D.,	74
George Trail, M.P.,	32
Procurators: Moray—Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D.,	64
Rev. Thomas M'Lauchlan,	48
Mar—Edward Woodford, LL.D.,	72
Rev. Robert Simpson,	28
Rev. William Duguid, D.D.,	27
Angus—Rev. William Allan,	25
Rev. William Paul, D.D.,	16
Lothian—Rev. George Tulloch, LL.D.,	24
Norman M'Pherson,	20
Rev. Donald M'Donald, D.D.,	7
Robert Daun, M.D.,	6

Thereafter the Senatus elected Charles L. Cumming Bruce, M.P., and Sir James Clark, Bart., M.A., M.D., to be the remaining Assessors. Lord Ellesmere died 18th February, 1857.

1857, May 2. John Inglis, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates.

Received 235 votes; Colonel William Hay Sykes, M.P., 102. To hold office till October, 1860; was created LL.D., and formally installed Rector on 14th October, when he delivered an Inaugural Address afterwards printed. Thereafter held a Visitation of the College and a Rectoral Court.

PRINCIPALS.¹

c. 1500. Mr. Hector Boece (Boyes, Bois, Boethius).

Professor Thomas Gordon writes of Boece in his MS. Collections:—

"He received his degree of Doctor in the same College after he was Principal of it [Town Council Reg., 5th Sept., 1528]. He was born in Dundee, and educated in the University of Paris. Besides his 'History of the Scots'—which is printed by Iodocus Badius at Boece's own expences, bearing a prefatory address to the nobility of Scotland by Alexander Lion, Cantor of Murray, dated at Paris, 1527, in which he calls Boece, 'communis nobis preceptor'—Boece also wrote, 'Vitae Episcoporum Aberdonensium,' dedicated to Bishop Gavin Dunbar, 20th March, 1522. Dunbar stiles him, 'Hector Boece, Principal and Licentiate in Theology'. 'Principalis Pontificalis Collegii Aberdonensis,' 5th June, 1516. He subscribes the Foundation, 10th June, 1531. As to Boece's pedigree, see Lord Hailes, Vol. II. p. 161, Note. Hector Boece says, l. 15, col. 323, 'proavus meus Hugo Boetius cujus pater ad Duplin occubuerat, Baro Drisdale'. Lord Hailes finds a Sir Humphrey de Bois in Walsing. 132, or Ford 13, 27, among the slain at the Battle of Lochmaben, 1332, and conjectures him to be Boece's ancestor, he having by mistake said Duplin for Lochmaben.

¹"Quarum [personarum] prima erit magister in theologia si commode haberi potest alioquin in eadem facultate licentiatas cum rigore examinis ejusdem qui infra annum ad magistratus gradum in eadem facultate se faciat promoveri qui et principalis dicti collegii appellari debeat cui omnes in dicto collegio magistri et studentes obedire teneantur . . . pro quarum sustentationibus ordinamus et assignamus predicto magistro principali ut supra theologo aut licentiato quadraginta marcas annuatim . . . predicti vero doctores et magistri in dicto collegio erunt prebendarii perpetui et ad vitam ac sacerdotio fungi debeant ac missas pro fundatoribus cum dispositi fuerunt celebrare teneantur. . . . Preterea volumus quod . . . prebende . . . principalis . . . conferantur per nos et successores nostros dicte Universitatis Cancellarios . . . et quod principalis dicti Collegii cum dispositus fuerit quolibet die legibili in Theologia legere debeat et sexties in anno populo verbum Dei predicare." Elphinstone's *Foundation* of 1505.

"Erunt quatuor doctores primus videlicet in theologia quem principalem appellari volumus cui omnes in dicto collegio obedire et obedientiam prestare cum debitis honore et reverentia teneantur. . . . Hii omnes . . . sacerdotio fungi debeant. . . . Principalis collegii habeat singulis annis quadraginta marcas ad terminos consuetos solvendas. Cujus officium erit dictum collegium regere et gubernare in honestate custodire absque fecibus et

Drisdale is a territory in Annandale where Lochmaben lies, and the Drisdals are to be found. He is said to be descended of the Boettis of Panbride in Angus. In the Life of Bishop Elphingston he mentions that this prelate called him from Paris while teaching Philosophy 'in Collegio Montis acuti' (of Montague) to be the first professor of the liberal arts in his newly-instituted 'Schola generalis Aberdonensis'. Boece calls himself at that time, 'adolescens,' and modestly speaks of his own small proficiency in letters at the time he was set to instruct others. He mentions among his acquaintances at the University, Erasmus, Joannes Major, Pat. Panter, and several others. The canons of the cathedral received him with the kindest regard. At his arrival, he sent for his condisciple at Paris, William Hay, who was first Subprincipal, and in the end succeeded Boece as Principal. He gives the names of several men of letters, with their character, that were sent forth at this time from the University."

Cf. Mr. Cosmo Innes in *Fasti Aberd.*, p. xvii.; and Mr. Æ. J. G. Mackay in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, Vol. V. p. 297.

1536. Mr. William Hay.

Previously Subprincipal. "He succeeded Boethius after his death, and . . . subscribes 3rd December, 1541." *Gordon*, I. 19; II. 177.

154-. Mr. John Bisset.

Previously Regent. Subscribes 16th July, 1543 (*Gordon*, II. 179). According to Orem, "succeeded (as should appear) by a presentation from the Pope, which was expressly contrary to the Foundation. For afterwards, anno 1551, he resigned his principality into the Pope's hands in favour of Alexander Anderson, subprincipal, who (it seems) was his competitor for the place, and was ever after during the said Mr. Bisset's life, which was till about anno 1559, designed in all publick writers 'subprincipalis Collegij regalis Aberdonen. et officio principalis'."

sordibus in area cameris et omnibus aliis locis mundum facere tenere ceteris omnibus dicti collegii preesse et eosdem in moribus et disciplinis instruere regentium lecturas visitare et si opus sit reformare delinquentes quovismodo per se vel per alium punire cameras ejusdem collegii cum consilio tamen subprincipalis et regentium disponere magistrisque et studentibus quum opus fuerit assignare in philosophia et artibus quotidie regere et profiteri ac in theologia singulis diebus legibilibus secundum gratiam sibi datam in habitu suo doctorali cum apparatu instar universitatis Parisiensis legere et sexies in anno populo verbum Dei predicare. . . . Principalis autem dicti collegii cum conditionibus suprascriptis per rectorem universitatis quatuor procuratores nationum doctores in juribus pontificio et civili medicum subprincipalem regentes artium grammaticum sex studentes in theologia cantorem sacristam seu a majori parte eorundem nominetur et eligatur et per cancellarium admittatur. . . . Volumus autem ut in omnibus electionibus seu nominationibus principalis dicti collegii habeat vocem electivam seu nominativam et conclusivam. . . . Et si contingat prefatos electores seu nominatores infra mensem dictos prebendarios seu bursas ut supra in nostra fundatione expressatas perpetuas et temporales de personis idoneis minime providere . . . ordinamus dictas prebendas . . . illa vice per cancellarium provideri." *Dunbar's Foundation of 1531*. See also *Nora Fundatio*, in Appendix II.

Elsewhere, "continued six years and resigned his place anno 1552, because of his infirmity proceeding from long sickness". These contradictory statements are equally inaccurate. Bisset resigned the principalship into the hands of Pope Paul III., who, 26th February, 154⁶, nominated William Cranston (O. C., xliii. 12); but the latter never acted. Bisset again resigned into the hands of Pope Julius III., who, 20th February, 155³, nominated Alexander Anderson (O. C., xliii. 12).

1553. Mr. Alexander Anderson.

Previously Subprincipal: also parson of Tyrie and rector of Kinkell. "In his time fell out the Reformation, wherein together with all the masters he was deposed, anno 1569, by a visitation appointed by the General Assembly, the Earl of Murray, Regent, being personally present at the deposition. . . . He lived several years obscurely in Aberdeen after his deposition, and died there."

Orem. "This man was a great scholar and a subtil disputant, but no great friend to the College. For the hatred he bare to the reformed religion, he alienated some of the College revenues, destroyed many of its writings and evidences, whereby many lands and other rents belonging to S. Germain's are quite lost; sold the ornaments, books, and other furniture belonging to the College. Commendable was he in one thing; for, when some of the reformers would have taken away the lead and bells, repulit vim ferro." *Middleton.*

1569. Mr. Alexander Arbuthnot.

"Brother to the Baron of Arbuthnot, and parson of Arbuthnot and Logy . . . had his course of Philosophy in S. Andrews with Mr. Lawson, went to France at the age of twenty-three years, where he applied to the study of Law under Cujacius, and, being made Licentiate, returned to Scotland, 1566, in order to follow it as a calling, but God otherwise disposing, in 1569 he was made Principal of the College of Aberdeen, where by his diligent teaching and good government he revived learning, and gained many over from superstition. He was a good Poet, Mathematician, Divine, Lawyer and Physician. He died in the forty-fifth year of his age, and was buried in the College Church of Aberdeen, 20th October, 1583. He, with Mr. Andrew Melvil, had committed to them the reformation of the Foundations of Aberdeen and Glasgow. He procured the College the gift of the Deanery of Aberdeen." *Gordon*, quoting *Middleton*, *Calderwood*, *Spotswood*, *Mackenzie* and *Orem*. See *Wodrow's Biographical Collections* (New Spald. Club).

1584. Mr. Walter Stuart.

Previously Subprincipal. "Succeeded anno 1584, and died 1593 [? 2], not being past 36 years of age; a man much esteemed for bearing and prudence. He had the parsonage of Methlick and resigned it to the College." *Orem*. "He lies buried on the north side within the College chapel, in the place where the altar stood." *Gordon*.

1592. Mr. David Rait.

Previously Subprincipal. Subscribes 25th December, 1592. (*Gordon*, II. 179.)

"Of the house of Hallgreen in the Mernis. . . . Afterwards graduated Doctor of Divinity, being the first that received the degree after the Reformation. He lived till anno 1632, having born office within the College as Regent, Subprincipal, and Principal about fifty years." *Orem.*

1632, November 5. Dr. William Leslie.

Previously Subprincipal. Of Aikenway. "He received the degrees both of batchelor and doctor while he was Subprincipal; he was in very great esteem for his learning, being one of the Doctors of Aberdeen who wrote the Duplies, etc. He was deposed for his refusing the Covenant, anno 1639." *Orem.* Minutes of Visitation, 13th April, 1638. (O. C., xxiii. 23.)

1640, August 18. Dr. William Guild.

The first election of Principal on record. Procurators: Mr. James Sandilands, commissar, Lothian; Mr. William Davidson of Carny, Angus; Mr. James Baird, advocate, Mar; Mr. Patrick Chalmer, sheriff-clerk, Murray.

Guild was one of the Ministers of Aberdeen. See under "Rectors"; also his Life by Shirrefs. "Anno 1649 the General Assembly gave a commission to some ministers and lay elders to reform the College, and expel the malignants. Persons thrust out: Dr. William Guild, principal; Alexander Middleton, subprincipal; Patrick Gordon, George Middleton, professors of philosophy. The commissioners at that time did not unanimously agree whom to put in; therefore they ordered the latter to continue till his place were supplied by another. Shortly after, the masters restored the principal in despite of all opposition to his place. But, anno 1651, general Monk sent five colonels to reform the college: colonels Fenwick, Moseley, Owen, Disborough and Smith. At this Reformation both principal and subprincipal were again turned out. Gilbert Rewle was instituted in room of the latter; and the place of the former conferred upon,

"1652, Mr. John Row,

"An independent minister in Edinburgh, a person well seen in the Latin and Greek languages and not ill in the Hebrew . . . was also put out again at the King's restoration, anno 1661." *Middleton.* Had been previously Minister of third charge in Aberdeen, 1641; and Hebrew Lecturer in Marischal College, 1642; M.A., S. Andrews, 1617. (Scott's *Fasti.*) "In his time, anno 1657, was laid the foundation of the new work in the North East corner of the college, of six stories high, consisting of 24 chambers with chimnies and conveniences, a school and a bulliard house. The money that built it was given by the masters and other well-disposed persons, whose names are written in a register called 'Album Amicorum Col. Regii Aberdon'." *Middleton.* "Thereafter he went to New Aberdeen, and took up a private school; for he had laid nothing up to maintain himself when he was out of place, and therefore lived by keeping the said school, and for the most part by charity. At last, he went to Kinellar, and staid with Mr. John Mercer, his son-in-law, and daughter; where at last he died, and was interred in the West end of the church of Kinellar, in the churchyard." *Orem.* On 18th February, 1664, Rowe's "poore and necessitous conditione" is mentioned in the minutes.

1661. Mr. William Rait.

"Anno 1661; at which time William Rait, minister at Brechin, was presented to the place. He staid only one year and returned to Brechin [Dundee]." Middleton. Had been a Regent, 1641.

1662. Mr. Alexander Middleton.

Previously Regent and Subprincipal, and minister of Old Machar. He cannot attend a meeting for election of a Rector, 6th October, 1684, by reason of weakness and infirmity of body. Died 5th December, 1686. Portrait in possession of the University of Aberdeen.

1684, October 27. Dr. George Middleton.

Son of the last; previously Regent and Subprincipal; D.D., S. Andrews. Procurators: Dr. James Gordon, Professor of Divinity, Lothian; John Halyburton, son to the Bishop of Aberdeen, student, Angus; Archibald Forbes, son to Lord Forbes, student of the lawes, Aberdeen; Mr. George Seaton, preacher of the gospel in old Aberdeen, Murray. Dr. Alexander Middleton had demitted office "desiring only that in consideration of the service he hade endeavoured to doe the Colledge (having been now upwards of fiftie years a maister therin) if it should happen that the said office of Principall should vake again during his lifetime either by the death or dimission of him that should be elected Principall, then and in that caice the said Dr. Alexander should have free regress both to the said office and all the benefits and emoluments therof during all the dayes of his life": with which desire the electors "did most heartily and chearfully comply". Principal George Middleton began public lessons in Theology in the College Church, 19th January, 1685, with a preliminary Oration *De Concordantia et Reconciliabilitate Christianae Religionis cum vera et certa Ratione*. "He was a great humanist and philosopher, a sound divine, and of a circumspect life and conversation; notwithstanding the presbyterians turned him out of his post anno 1717." Orem. (See Appendix III.) "Natus 14 Feb. 1645; Laurea donatus 17 Jul. 1662; admissus pastor Glamensis, 5 Jan. 1667; nuptus 15 Feb. 1671; electus subprimarius 21 Oct. 1679; suscepit doctoratus gradum, 31 Dec. 1683; electus et admissus Principalis, 27 Oct. 1684; obiit 26 Mar. 1726." Gordon.

1717, November 22. Mr. George Chalmers.

Late Minister at Kilwinning. Admitted by Mr. John Gordon, provost of Aberdeen, George Fordyce, James Muiriesone and Thomas Mitchell, baillies of Aberdeen, Mr. John Osburn, one of the Ministers of Aberdeen, and Mr. Alexander Mitchell and Mr. William Smith, Ministers of Old Aberdeen, being the persons appointed by His Majesty. Ex-principal Middleton compeared and protested. (See Appendix III.) 1728, June 19, Principal Chalmers chosen "by a very great plurality of votes minister of Old Machar". Died 5th May, 1746.

1746, May 27. Dr. John Chalmers.

Previously a Regent; created D.D. on the morning of the same day. Procurators: Baillie William Mollison, Mar; James Thomson of Portlethen, Lothian; Baillie Andrew Burnet, Murray; Baillie John Burnett, Angus. Died

7th April, 1800, having held College office for 60 years. Portrait in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1800, April 28. Rev. Roderick Macleod, D.D.

Previously Subprincipal. Procurators: Major James Mercer of Auchnacant. Mar; Hugh Leslie of Powis, Angus; Mr. Charles Bannerman, advocate, Lothian; Mr. Harry Lumsden, advocate, Murray. Portrait in the possession of the dowager Countess of Caithness; also in Kay's plate.

Married, 6th June, 1780, Isabella Chrysty; and had issue, Ann, Christian. Isabella, Donald, Janet, John, Roderick, Janet, Margaret Katherine. Died 11th September, 1815, having held College office for 67 years.

1815, October 7. Rev. William Jack, M.A., M.D.

Previously Regent and Subprincipal. Procurators: Mar, Lieut.-Col. Forbes. Old Aberdeen; Angus, William Dingwall Fordyce of Techmuiry; Lothian, David Hutcheon, advocate; Moray, Hugh Gordon, Aberdeen. D.D., 1849. Died 9th Feb., 1854, having held College office for 60 years.

Married, 29th April, 1794, Grace Bolt; and had issue, William, Andrew James Bolton, Charles, Eliza Jean (m., 27th April, 1820, Arthur Nicholson of Lochend). Margaret, Robert, Alexander, Grace, Mary Janet, Andrew Thomas William. Died 9th February, 1854.

1855, October 1. Rev. Peter Colin Campbell, M.A., D.D. (Edinb.).

Previously Regent and Professor of Greek. Admitted on a presentation from the Chancellor. Appointed joint Murray Lecturer 5th October. Died 12th December, 1876.

Married, 3rd January, 1838, Jessie, daughter of the Hon. James Wylie, M.L.C., Canada; and had issue, Jane Macdiarmid (m., 1860, Robert Smith, M.D.), Mary Hamilton (m., 1867, Alexander Cochran of Balfour), George MacIver, James Wylie, Peter Colin, Margaret Elizabeth Graham (m., 1872, Granville Toup Nicolas, R.N.), Donald Daniel MacIver, Jessie Hamilton, William Macdonald MacIver, Grace Alexina, Colin MacIver. Died 12th December, 1876.

CANONISTS.¹

15—. Mr. Arthur Boece.²

Brother to the Principal. As Canonist signs Dunbar's Confirmation, 1531. Mentioned as first Canonist in "A true relatione of the estait of the universitie and Kinges colledge of Aberdene from the first fundatione to this present tyme" [1638]. (O. C., xxiii. 23.) See also Boece's *Life of Elphinstone*.

153—. Mr. John Sinclair.

"Utriusque juris licenciatus." Mentioned in a deed of date 12th February, 1538⁷. (Parch. Chart., p. 141.)

15—. Mr. John Spittal.

Mentioned in deed of 16th July, 1543 (*Gordon*, II. 179); and 22nd May, 1549 (Parch. Chart., p. 130).

15—. Mr. John Leslie.

"Utriusque juris licenciatus." Mentioned in deeds of 21st October, 1556 (Parch. Chart., p. 127); and 9th February, 1558⁸ (*Gordon*, II. 175). Afterwards Bishop of Ross and Secretary to Queen Mary. Portrait in possession of the University.

15—. Mr. Andrew Leslie.

"He subscribes a paper in Principal Anderson's time about the year 1560; also 1567, 5th April." *Gordon*, I. 31; II. 175.

¹"Quarum [personarum] . . . secunda pontificii juris doctor . . . pro quarum sustentationibus ordinamus . . . pontificii juris doctori aut in eodem licentiatu triginta marcas . . . doctores in jure canonico . . . quolibet die legibili in dictis facultatibus in suis propriis cappis ut decet legere debeant videlicet Canonista secundum formam et consuetudinem sacrorum canonum facultatis et primi regentis juris canonici in dicta Universitate Parisiensi." *Elphinstone's Foundation of 1505*.

"Doctori pontificii juris . . . quadraginta marcas pro cujus solutione assignavimus eidem pro tempore omnes et singulos fructus ecclesie Beate Marie ad Nives . . . qui etiam in dicta ecclesia habebit sub se vicarium temporalem sumptibus suis sustentandum et animarum curam in eadem gerendam et exercendam . . . Canonista per rectorem universitatis quatuor procuratores nationum principalem subprincipalem civilistam medicum et grammaticum nominetur et eligatur et per cancellarium admittatur." *Dunbar's Confirmation of 1531*.

²In *Fasti*, p. lxxx., three names are placed in the list of Canonists, before Arthur Boece: 15—, John Lindsay; 1513, Henry Spittal; 1516, Alexander Lausone. These, however, were not really Canonists, but holders of the Readership in Canon Law, conjoined with the prebend of S. Mary *ad Nives*, founded by Papal Bull in 1497. (O. C., xvii. 5; xxvi. 5, 6; *Antiq. Aberd. and Banff*, III. 161.)

156— Mr. Alexander Cheyne.

"He was Commissary of Aberdeen. It is probable he entered 1565 [?] and died 1587. He is mentioned in diverse writings before Principal Arbuthnot's time. Subscribes a charter with Arbuthnot 27th May, 1581, as Canonist, also 30th October, 1580; see Mr. Man's excerpts from the Records of the town of Aberdeen." *Gordon*, I. 31; II. 173, 177.

1619. Mr. William Anderson.

Elected by the Commissioners of Visitation, who report "that the grytest pairt of the foundet memberis wer quyte abolischit and out of use, specialle sic as had speciall voyce in nominatioun and presentatioun of memberis quhairthrou formall and canonicall electioun had fallen away". "He was only titular, and had no salary." *Orem*. 15th July, 1620; *Gordon*, II. 173.

162— Mr. James Sandilands, elder.

"Commissarius Aberdonensis Canonista, 26th October, 1624. . . . He had no salary. Anno 1633, he demitted his office in favour of his son Mr. James Sandilands." *Gordon*, I. 31; II. 179. See also under "Rectors".

1634, January 1. Mr. James Sandilands, younger.

"He succeeded his father and is mentioned for five or six years, when on occasion of some College debates he demitts this office and is elected Civilist. . . . We find none in the office of Canonist after Mr. James Sandilands till the election of Mr. Robert Forbes." *Gordon*. In April, 1639, "was dischargit as canonist [by a Commission of General Assembly], bot he maid appellatioun to the nixt generall assemblee, and craftellie be moyan gat his place to teiche the cannon lawis be limitatioun, viz., to teiche *de matrimonio, testamentis and teyndis*, because all the rest of these lawis smellit of poperie, as thay alledgit". *Spalding*, I. 166. See under "Civilists": see also Minutes of 1638 Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 23.)

16— Mr. Robert Forbes.

So styled in Minute of 30th May, 1681. On 28th October, 1684, the Bishop "was pleased to ratifie and comfirme the agreement which hade been made some years agoe in favours of Mr. Robert Forbes, Canonist, by the speciall advyce of some of the Bishops of Scotland, viz., that the said Mr. Robert should all the time of his being Canonist enjoy all the priviledges and emoluments of a Regent, together with all the other articles and clauses contained in the said agreement according as the samine is sett down at length and recorded in the Colledge Register." After the death of Forbes in 1687 the title of Canonist disappears.¹

¹ "The Canonist and Civilist seem not to have given satisfaction even in the days of Popery. The two College men do not appear at the Visitation of the College under Bishop William Gordon, 1549." *Gordon*.

CIVILISTS.¹

15—. Mr. James Ogilvie.

15—. Mr. John Lindsay.

Mentioned as first two Civilists in "A true relatione of the estait of the universitie and Kinges colledge of Aberdene from the first fundatione to this present tyme [1638]". (O. C., xxiii. 23.)

1549. Mr. Thomas Menzies.

Fasti, p. lxxx. Not in above or in Gordon's MS.

15—. Mr. Nicholas Hay.

"He is mentioned in Principal Bisset's time before 1555 [? 9th Feb., 1558, in II. 175]. He continued during the rest of Bisset's time, and all Anderson's and Arbuthnot's and part of Principal Stuart's time. He was Commissary of Aberdeen, and died about—(I find him in a charter, 10th March, 1593 [II. 175]) . . . Mr. Nicol Hay's gravestone on the south side of Hector Boece's in the College Chapel calls him 'Juris civilis Professor in hac Academia. . . . Rector necnon Comissarius (Aberdonensis) summa fide.' The year of his death cannot be read. His coat of Arms with N on one side and H on the other is very distinct." *Gordon*.

1619. Mr. Thomas Nicolson.

Elected by the Commissioners of Visitation. "There was no Civilist after Mr. Hay till the nomination of Mr. Thomas Nicolson in Mr. David Rait's time. He had no salarie. He was also Comissary. In a charter, 26th October, 1624, he is designed 'de Cockburnspath Advocatus Comissarius Aberdonensis'." *Gordon*.

¹"Quarum [personarum] . . . tertia juris civilis doctor . . . pro quarum sustentationibus ordinamus . . . juris civilis doctore aut in eodem licentiatum triginta marcas . . . doctores in jure civili . . . quolibet die legibili in dictis facultatibus in suis propriis cappis ut decet legere debeant videlicet. . . . Legista secundum formam statutorum et laudabilium consuetudinum Universitatis Aurelianensis et quod tutelam habeat et regat ac in eadem suos in legibus scholares doceat et instruat necnon in eadem facultate legales institutiones Justiniani quotidie legere teneatur." *Elphinstone's Foundation of 1505*.

"Doctore in jure civili summam viginti librarum una cum mansione et horto prefatis qui in eadem mansione quolibet die legibili in jure civili instar regentium Universitatis Aurelianensis cum simili doctoratus habitu eidem congruenti legere debeat. . . . Legista cum bachelariis sive studentibus juri per dictos rectorem procuratores nationum principalem et subprincipalem canonistam medicum et grammaticum nominentur sive eligantur et per cancellarium admittantur." *Dunbar's Confirmation of 1531*.

162-. Mr. Roger Mowat.

So styled in Minutes of Chancellor's Visitation, 1628. (O. C., xxiii. 5.) "He had no salarie. He was an Advocate in Edinburgh." *Gordon*.

1640, April 1. Mr. James Sandilands, younger.

Previously Regent and Canonist: in place of Mr. Roger Mowat, demitted. Procurators: John Barclay, Angus; George Baird, Murray; George Mideltoune, Mar; Patrick Sandilands, Louthian; all students. "Strange to sie ane man admittit to teiche lawis who was never out of the countrie studeing and lerning the lawis." *Spalding*.

1661. Mr. Patrick Gordon.

Regent 1640 to c. 1650. "After the Restoration he was elected civilist, 1661, and afterwards humanist." *Gordon*.

1669, June 8. Mr. William Johnston.

In place of Mr. Patrick Gordon, demitted. Had demitted his regency 24th May. Procurators: Mr. Alexander Gordon, Murray; Mr. John Burnet, Aberdeen; Mr. Alexander Mowatt, Angus; John Colieson, Louthian.

1673, May 7. Mr. George Nicolson of Cluny.

Advocate, Edinburgh. In place of Mr. William Johnston deceased, 18th January. Procurators: James Sutherland, Master of Duffus, Mr. George Strachan, minister in Old Aberdeen, Mr. Patrick Sandilands of Cottoune and Mr. John Ord, student of Divinity. Had been elected Rector on 13th January. Afterwards Lord Kemnay.

1684, October 24. Mr. James Scougall.

Nominated *jure devoluto* by the Chancellor, Bishop George Haliburton, the office "being now a considerable time vacant by the removeall of Sir George Nicolson now one of the senators of the College of Justice". *Eo die* appointed Rector. Had his introductory discourse *De ratione docendi et discendi juris*, and began public lessons in the Civil Law, 19th November, 1684. On 9th December, 1685, began with discourse *De justitia et jure*. Afterwards Lord Whithill.

1687, June 1. Mr. John Haliburton.

Son of the Bishop of Aberdeen. In place of Mr. James Scougall, demitted. Procurators: Mr. John Keith, minister of Old Machar, Mr. Patrick Sandilands of Cotton, Mr. George Seaton, minister of New Machar, and Mr. Hew Tod.

1689, March 9. Mr. John Moire.

Advocate, Edinburgh. In place of Mr. John Haliburton, demitted. Procurators: Mr. James Scougall, Commissar, Mr. James Sandilands of Craibstone, Mr. Thomas Crevie, and the said Mr. John Haliburton.

1696. Mr. John Gordon.

"He was Commissary Clerk in Aberdeen: was elected Civilist an. 1696 on the death of Mr. Moire. He subscribes as such 2nd [13th: Chart., p. 85] April, 1696." *Gord*.

1717, November 4. Mr. Alexander Garden, younger, of Troup.

See Min. of 7th March, 1719. "He was nominated by a Royal patent on the deposition of Mr. John Gordon." *Gordon*. (See Appendix III.)

1724, April 6. Mr. Alexander Fraser, junior, Advocate.

In place of Mr. Alexander Garden, demitted. Procurators: David Forbes of Leslie, Mar; Mr. Alexander Thomson of Portlethen, Angus; Mr. James Ogilvie, minister at Futtie, Murray; Mr. Thomas Hay, sheriff-clerk, Lothian. The Civilist "to be obliged to actual residence and to teach the said Civil Law during the Sessions of the said Colledge in such place as shall be agreed to by the principall and masters; in respect that by the fundatione it is appointed that the Civilist should read and teach in his own manse, which of a long tyme has been (as is reported) by fyre or some accident ruined and quite demolished". LL.D. 15th March, 1725. Dean of Faculty of Law 27th August, 1733. Died in office 1741. "In the end of March, anno 1724, Mr. Alexander Fraser, sub-principal in the King's College, Old Aberdeen, did buy the civilist's place from the laird of Troup, younger, for the use and behoof of Alexander Fraser, advocate, his son; and gave the said laird of Troup, younger, for it four thousand five hundred merks Scots." *Orem.* His widow, Mary Cumming, married, 9th January, 1753, Donald Farquharson.

1741, August 27. Sir William Forbes, Bart., of Monymusk, Advocate.

By decree of declarator at his instance before the Lords of Sessions against James Thomson of Portlethen. On 24th February the Principal, Professor of Divinity and Mediciner had voted for four Procurators: John Burnett of Elrick, Moray; Baillie William Thomson, Old Aberdeen, Angus; Andrew Thomson, advocate, Mar; Walter Cochran, town-clerk depute (Mediciner for William Urquhart of Meldrum), Lothian. But the Humanist, Professor of Oriental Languages and the three Regents voted for Thomas Forbes of Echt, Moray; Mr. James Cock, minister of Keithhall, Angus; Mr. Theodore Gordon, minister of Kinethmont, Mar: Mr. Alexander Strachan, minister of Keig, Lothian. The Principal, denying the right of the Regents to vote, gave his casting vote for Burnett, W. Thomson, and A. Thomson, admitting the majority of Strachan. The other party denied to the Principal any but a casting vote and therefore claimed the election of Forbes, Cock, Gordon (and Strachan). The Principal having administered the oath to the former four, and the Subprincipal to the latter three, there voted for James Thomson of Portlethen 6, and for Sir William Forbes 10. The Principal declared the latter elected and administered the oath to him on 26th February. Sir William Forbes died in office, 1743.

1745, June 3. Dr. James Catanach, Advocate.

By decree of House of Lords, 11th April, on appeal from the Court of Session which, 20th July, 1744, had decided against Catanach. (Paton's *Appeals*, I. 401; II. App.) On 8th June, 1743, the Principal, Humanist, and Professors of Divinity and of Oriental Languages voted for four Procurators: Patrick Duff of Premnay, Mar; Arthur Gordon of Wardhouse, Angus; Mr. Theodore Gordon, minister of Kinnethmont, Moray; Mr. John Maxwell, student in Divinity, Lothian. The Subprincipal, Mediciner, and three Regents voted for Professor Francis Skene, Marischal College, Mar; Professor David Verner, Marischal College, Angus; James Thomson of Portlethen, Moray; George Turner, sheriff-clerk, Lothian. Where-

upon, after protests and counter protests, the former eight voted for Mr. Charles Hamilton Gordon, advocate, and the latter nine for Mr. James Catanach. An account of the discussion as to the validity of Catanach's Marischal College degree of LL.D. will be found in *Fasti Acad. Mariscal.*, p. 70. He was made LL.D. by King's College in 1748, and died in office, unmarried, 24th November, 1760.

1763, April 25. Mr. David Dalrymple, Advocate.

Son of Hew Dalrymple of Drummore. By decree of House of Lords, affirming decision of Court of Session. (Paton's *Appeals*, VI. 738.) On 27th November, 1760, Mr. Dalrymple was supported by four Procurators: Charles Forbes of Sheils, Moray; Thomas Mossman, advocate, Lothian; Patrick Wilson, Angus; Theodore Gordon, Mar; and also by George Middleton of Seton and the five members of Senatus of his party. See under "Rectors". On 9th December William Thom, advocate in Aberdeen, was nominated. Procurators: [Andrew Burnet, merchant, Moray; Professor Francis Skene, Marischal College, Lothian; *not present*]; James Thomson of Portlethen, Angus; Provost John Robertson of Pitmillan, Mar; supported also by George Burnett of Kemnay and the four surviving members of Senatus of his party. Mr. Dalrymple demitted office 19th October, 1765. Afterwards Lord Westhall. LL.D., Edinburgh, 1760.

1765, October 21. Dr. William Thom,

Advocate in Aberdeen. Procurators: Hugh Maclean of Coll, Angus; Lieut. Robert Hay, Mar; Dr. David Skene, Moray; James Burnet, merchant, Lothian. Dr. Thom married, 11th July, 1754, Mary Chalmers, and died without issue 9th April, 1795. Portrait in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1793, January 9. Dr. William Thom and Dr. Alexander Dauneay.

Conjunct Civilists and Professors of Law. Procurators: John Ross, Esq., of Main, Moray; Mr. William Bannerman, merchant, Marr; Hugh Leslie, Esq., of Powis, Lothian; Lieut. John Leslie, H.E.I.C.S., Angus. Dr. Dauneay married, 1st June, 1778, Margaret Pollock, and died without issue 14th July, 1833.

1833, August 8. Patrick Davidson,

Younger, of Tillichetly, Advocate, Aberdeen. Procurators: Gavin Hadden. Lord Provost, Mar; Thomas Burnett, advocate, Angus; Lieut.-Col. Alexander Clarke, Aberdeen, Lothian; John Whyte, merchant, Aberdeen, Murray. The Principal had protested against taking any action until arrangements could be made for carrying out the suggestions of the Royal Commissioners regarding the Chair; against the three Regents voting in the election of Civilist; and against the Rector voting in the election of Procurators. He proposed and Mr. Bentley seconded (but without further support) as Procurators: Rev. James Foote, Angus; Rev. Aber. L. Gordon, Murray; Peter Duguid, Mar; Peter M'Farlane, Lothian. At the Union of the Colleges in 1860, Mr. Davidson became Professor of Law in the University of Aberdeen. LL.D., 1849. Married, 2nd August, 1836, Mary Anne Leslie, eldest daughter of William Leslie of Warthill; and had issue, Jane Anne, Frances Mary, Duncan. Catherine Helen, Mary Margaret, William Leslie, Matilda Rose, Patrick, Williamina Saida, George Louis Outram.

MEDICINERS.¹

15—. Mr. James Cumyne.

"He died in Principal Hector Boece's time, anno 1521." *Gordon.*

152², March 10. Mr. Robert Gray.

"Salubris medicine bachalarius." Presented by Bishop Gavin Dunbar in place of Mr. James Cumyne. (Parch. Chart., p. 139.) Subscribes *Confirmation* of 1531. Present at Visitation of 1549.

15—. Mr. Gilbert Skeen.

"He entered in Principal Anderson's time. . . . With consent of the Masters he disposes the Mediciner's Manse to Mr. Thomas Lumsden, Rector of Kinkell, 10th August, 1587." (O. C., xxxiv. 8.) *Gordon.*

1619, September. Dr. Patrick Dun.

Nominated by the Commission of Visitation. Son of umquhile Andrew Dun, burgess of Aberdeen. "After Mr. Skeen's time there was no Mediciner elected untill Principal David Rait came to be Principal. . . . Had no salarie." *Gordon.* Regent at Marischal College, 1610; Rector there, 1619; Principal there, 1621-49.

1632, November 9. Dr. William Gordon.

"He was elected Mediciner upon the demission of Dr. Patrick Dun. He received salarie and continued to his death, An. 1640, 10th March (Spald.). He is admitted a burgess of Aberdeen An. 1625. He rebuilt the College

¹"Quarum [personarum] . . . quarta in medicinis doctor . . . pro quarum sustentationibus ordinamus . . . doctori vero in medicinis viginti marcas. . . . Doctores . . . sacerdotio (medico tamen excepto) fungi debeant. . . . Medicus autem in medicinis instar dicte Universitatis Parisiensis legat et profiteatur et quos ad hujusmodi discendas allicere valeat inducat et doceat." Elphinstone's *Foundation* of 1505.

"Doctori in medicinis viginti marcas . . . qui in dicta sua mansionem similibus diebus legibilibus in habitu suo doctorali cum apparatu legere debet instar doctorum medicine Parisiensium. . . . Medicus vero per eosdem rectorem procuratores nationum principalem canonistam legistam subprincipalem et grammaticum nominetur et per ipsum cancellarium admittatur." Dunbar's *Confirmation* of 1531.

In its original form this Chair constitutes the most ancient foundation for instruction in Medicine in Great Britain. The dates of the corresponding Professorships in the other Universities are as follows:—S. Andrews, 1721; Glasgow, 1637; Edinburgh, 1685; Oxford, 1546; Cambridge, 1540; Dublin, 1618.

crown that had been blown down An. 1633 (Spald.). . . . He was married to Jean Sandilands, daughter of Mr. James Sandilands, Commissary of Aberdeen (Reg. of Marriages)." *Gordon*. See Minutes of 1638 Visitation (O. C., xxiii. 23); *Gordon's Scots Affairs*, III. 128; *Misc. Spald. Club*, II. xxxiii. Portrait by Jamesone in possession of the University.

1649, November 12. Dr. Andrew Moore.

Gordon. Died January, 1672. (See Min. of 9th July, 1674, and 8th June, 1741.)

1672, July 20. Dr. Patrick Urquhart.

"Presented by Patrick, Bishop of Aberdeen." *Gordon*. Began public lessons on Medicine 7th January, 1686. (Cf. Min. of 23rd February, 1719.) "Died on S. Thomas' Even, December 20, anno 1725, in the 84th year of his age; and had been 54 years physician in the King's College of Old Aberdeen. He was a man of learning and parts; a son of the family of Meldrum, and his mother a daughter of the Earl of Airly, etc." *Orem*.

1725, December 23. Dr. James Gregory, elder.¹

In place of Dr. Patrick Urquhart, deceased. Procurators: Patrick Duff of Premnay, Mar; Mr. Alexander Thomson of Portlethen, Angus; Mr. Alexander Rait, son to Mr. John Rait of Findlston, Murray; Mr. Thomas Hay, sheriff-clerk, Lothian. Elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine 25th April, 1726. "He was a practising physician in the town of Aberdeen. . . . Married Ann Chalmers, dau. of Mr. George Chalmers, Principal." *Gordon*.

1732, December 7. Dr. James Gregory, younger.

In place of his father, demitted. Procurators: Mr. John Lumsden, minister of Banchory Ternan, Angus; Mr. Thomas Hay, sheriff-clerk, Lothian; Mr. James Mitchell, minister of Old Machar, Murray; Mr. James Udny, advocate, Aberdeen, Marr. Elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine 27th August, 1733. "He was a practising physician in the town of Aberdeen." *Gordon*. Died 16th October, 1755.

1755, November 13. Dr. John Gregory.

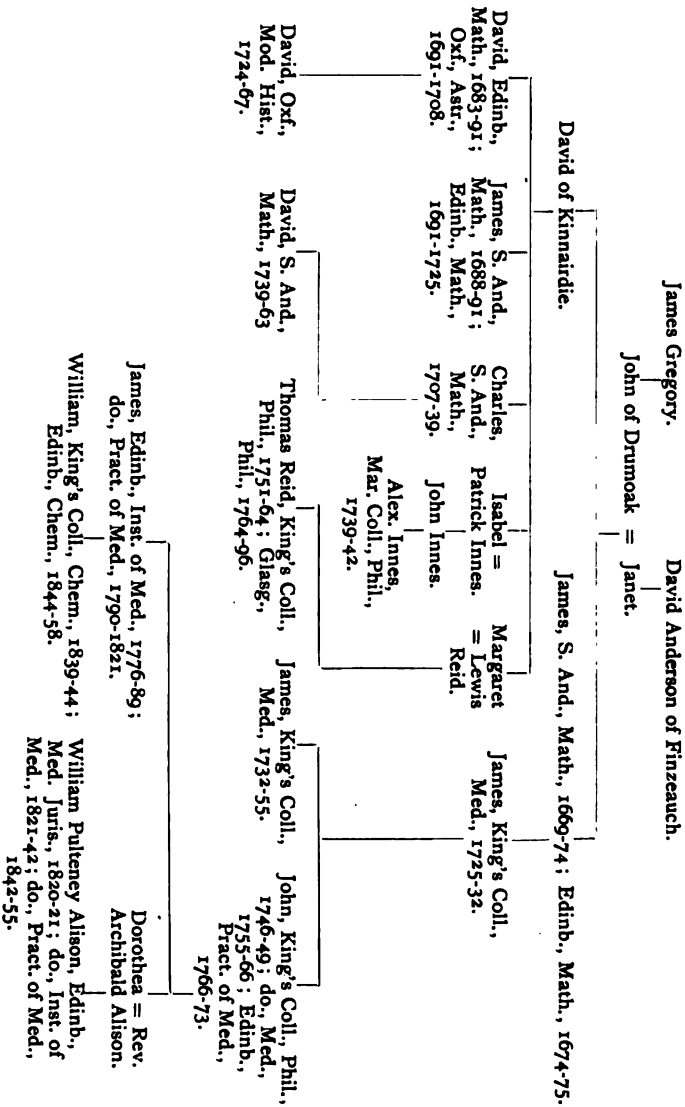
Regent, 1746-49. In place of his brother, deceased. Procurators: Mr. James Gallie, Moray; James Thomson of Portlethen, Lothian; Andrew Burnet, merchant, Angus; Robert Thomson, town-clerk, Mar. Married, 2nd April, 1752, the Hon. Elizabeth Forbes; and had issue, James, Dorothea, a daughter, Elizabeth, William, John, Professor of Practice of Physic, Edinb., 1766. Died 1773.

1764, November 5. Sir Alexander Gordon of Lesmore, Bart.

Assistant and successor to Dr. John Gregory. Procurators: Prof. Gerard, Lothian; Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, Angus; Patrick Wilson, Esq., Moray; Lieut. Robert Hay, Mar. M.D. on same day. Dr. Gregory demitted 3rd March,

¹ The family of Gregories, which gave four Mediciners to King's College, has furnished in all no fewer than fourteen professors to British Universities, as will be seen from the appended tree, in which the dates of office are indicated.

MEDICINERS.



1766. Sir Alexander elected *de novo* 26th March. Procurators: Capt. Robert Hay, Mar; Capt. Alex. Skene, Moray; Mr. James Forsyth, Angus; Mr. William Ballingall, Lothian. Demitted 19th March, 1782. Married, 5th April, 1759, Margaret Scot; and had issue (alive in 1770), Ann, Alexander, George, Diana, Francis, John; also (born subsequently) Margaret and Isabella. Died 25th March, 1782.

1782, March 22. Dr. William Chalmers.

Procurators: Hugh Maclean of Coll, Murray; Capt. Alex. Maclean, younger, of Coll, Mar; William Lumsden, W.S., Lothian; Hugh Leslie of Powis, Angus. "He was a practising physician in Aberdeen." *Gordon*. Married, 8th August, 1785, Jean Shewan; and had issue, Mary and Wilhelmina. Died 14th December, 1792. Portrait in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1793, January 9. Dr. Alexander Bannerman,

Of Kirkhill. Procurators: as in election of Civilist on same day. Succeeded to Baronetcy 1796. Married, 21st January, 1768, Mary Gordon; and had issue (alive in 1794), Mary, James, Margaret, Charles and Edward. Died 29th December, 1813.

1797, April 15. Sir Alexander Bannerman and Dr. James Bannerman.

Father and son conjunct Professors. Procurators: John Ross of Mayne, Murray; John Duncan of Mosstown, Mar; Hugh Leslie of Powis, Lothian; Thomas Bannerman, Angus. Dr. James Bannerman died, unmarried, 13th February, 1838.

1839, February 19. Dr. William Gregory.

Appointed by the Chancellor, on whom the nomination had devolved. Dr. Gregory became Professor of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh, 1844. Married, 30th July, 1830, Lisette, daughter of the late John Scott, Superintendent of Penang; and had issue, James Liebig. Died 1858.

1844, September 30. Andrew Fyfe, M.D.,

Pres. R. C. S., Ed. On understanding that he teach Chemistry. Procurators: Rev. Robert Smith, Angus; Dr. Andrew Fleming, Lothian; William Macpherson, barrister, Moray; Robert Davidson, Mar. In 1860 Dr. Fyfe became Professor of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen. Married Margaret Johnston; and had issue (alive in 1846), Eliza Charles (m. George William Hay of Whiterigg) and Andrew. Died 1861.

SUBPRINCIPALS.¹

c. 1500. Mr. William Hay.

"Aberdoniae itaque sedere ubi coeperam, ut commodius adolescentes disciplinis formarentur, Wilhelmum Hayum, quicum philosophiae Parisiis operam dederam, accivi in socium laboris." Boece's *Life of Elphinstone*. Succeeded Boece as Principal.

15—. Mr. Alexander Anderson.

Previously Regent, afterwards Principal. Designated "Sacrarum litterarum bachalarius" and Subprincipal in deed of date 12th February, 1537. (Parch. Chart., p. 141.)

1553. Mr. Andrew Galloway.

Previously Regent. "He succeeded as Subprincipal when Mr. Anderson was made Principal. He probably continued to the Reformation, and was (*vide* Mr. Petrie) then turned out along with Anderson, anno 1569." *Gordon*.

1569. Mr. James Lawson.

"He was made Subprincipal at the same time that Arbuthnot, his friend and fellow-student, was made Principal." *Gordon*. Afterwards succeeded Knox in Edinburgh. See *Wodrow's Biographical Collections* (New Spald. Club).

1572. Mr. Walter Stuart.

• Previously Regent. "He succeeded Mr. James Lawson, probably about the year 1572, and continued in the office until Mr. Arbuthnot's death, that is, 1583, when he entered Principal." *Gordon*.

¹"Quarum [personarum] . . . quinta in artibus magister et in eisdem regens qui et subprincipalis dicti collegii dici debeat . . . pro quarum sustentationibus ordinamus . . . subprincipalis vero dicti collegii viginti marcas." Elphinstone's *Foundation of 1505*.

"Subprincipalis viginti marcas una cum camera et aliis asiamentis infra idem collegium. Qui quolibet die legibili instar regentium Parisiensium in philosophia et artibus studentibus ejusdem collegii legere debet et eosdem non solum in scientiis tantum sed in moribus et virtutibus informare debet delinquentes vero punire corrigere et castigare reparationibus quaestionibus et disputationibus studentium in artibus cum aliis regentibus interesse et presidere absentes vero studentes in theologia et artibus a divinis officiis ac actibus publicis notare punire et multam imponere ac cum dicto principali singulis rebus dicti collegii superintendere. . . . Subprincipalis vero per dictum rectorem quatuor nationum procuratores doctores singularum facultatum grammaticum artium regentes et alios nostre foundationis in theologia studentes nominetur et eligatur et per cancellarium admittetur." *Dunbar's Confirmation of 1531*.

Office abolished at the Union in 1860.

1583. Mr. David Rait.

Previously Regent. "He succeeded Mr. Walter Stuart as Subprincipal, on his becoming Principal, that is, anno 1583, and enjoyed the office till Mr. Walter's death, in the year 1593 [? 2], when he became Principal. . . . He subscribes as Subprincipal 9th April, 1583." *Gordon*.

159-. Mr. Peter Udney.

Previously Regent and Humanist. "Succeeded Mr. David Rait as Subprincipal in 1593 [? 2]. He died in the office. He is said to have been Subprincipal in Edinburgh. His monument in the Chapel of King's College, on the south side, within the space set apart for the altar, says: 'M. Petrus Udnaeus Vir undiquaque humanissimus inclytae hujus Academiae Supprimarius fatis cessit, 24 April, 1601.

Securus recubo mundi pertaesus iniqui

Et didici et docui vulnera Christe tua.'

In a shield, with M above, P on one side, and V on the other, we have a tree and two animals rampant, one on each side of the stem, resembling either dogs or lions: below are the words ΘΕΩ ΔΟΞΑ." *Gordon*. See *Proc.*, Soc. Ant. Scot., Vol. XXIII. p. 85.

1601. Mr. John Chalmers.

Previously Regent. According to the Album he has the graduating class in Sessions 1599-1600, 1603-04, 1607-08, and the entering class of 1608-9, but the last graduate with Mr. James Rait. Minister of second charge, Old Machar, in conjunction, 1601; promoted to be minister of Keith, 1610.

1610. Mr. Patrick Guthrie.

Senior Regent. Graduates of 1602-03, 1606-07, 1610-11, 1614-15, 1618-19; when Mr. William Forbes takes the next entrants. Is Subprincipal at the Visitation of 1619. Promoted to be minister of Kinbattock, 1619; •Logie Buchan, 1626.

1619. Mr. William Forbes.

Senior Regent. Entrants of 1613-14 (graduating 1616-17), also graduates of 1617-18 (apparently taking the place of Mr. Robert Dunbar), entrants of 1618-19, and (apparently taking the place of Mr. Patrick Guthrie) entrants of 1619-20 (graduating 1622-23). Promoted to be minister of Mortlach, 1623.

1623. Dr. William Leslie.

Previously Regent. Entrants of 1617-18, 1621-22, 1625-26; but Mr. Andrew Strachan graduates the last. Probably had tertians from 1627 to 1632, in which year he became Principal.

1632, November 6. Mr. David Leech.

Previously Regent. Graduates of 1627-28; entrants of 1628-29, 1629-30, 1630-31; graduates (as Subprincipal) of 1632-33, 1633-34, 1634-35, 1635-36, 1636-37, 1638-39, when Mr. Robert Ogilvie is associated with him. See Minutes of 1638 Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 23.) Promoted to be minister of Ellon, 1638.

1638, April 30. Mr. Robert Ogilvie.

Senior Regent. In place of Leech, demitted. First election of Subprincipal on record. Procurators: Mr. Alexander Gardyn, advocate; Mr. Thomas Lillie, commissar-clerk's writer; Mr. Alexander Scrogy, younger, student; Mr. Gilbert Ross, cantor. Entrants of 1633-34, 1634-35, 1635-36, 1636-37, 1637-38; graduates (as Subprincipal) of 1637-38, 1638-39, 1639-40, 1640-41. Promoted by the masters to be minister of Methlick, 1641.

1641, March 10. Mr. Alexander Middleton.

Senior Regent. In place of Ogilvie, demitted. Procurators: Mr. Thomas Sandilands, Lothian; Mr. William Moir, Murray; Mr. William Moir [sic] Angus; Mr. Robert Ogilvie, late Subprincipal, Mar. Entrants of 1638-39, 1639-40, 1640-41; graduates (as Subprincipal) of 1641-42, 1645-46, 1648-49 (takes place of Youngson in 1646-47, see Appendix I.), entrants of 1649-50, who graduate with Mr. Gilbert Rule. "Anno 1643, upon Tuesday, January 17, the said Mr. Alexander Middleton, Subprincipal, was married with Margaret Gordon, daughter to Mr. Thomas Gordon at Kathock's Mill, contrary to the foundation of the College, for he was the first regent that entered in a marriage condition in this College." *Orem.* Afterwards Principal.

1652. Mr. Gilbert Rule.

Previously Regent, but not Senior Regent. Graduates of 1651-52, and (probably as Subprincipal taking place of Middleton) of 1652-53, and 1656-57. "It appears from the Album that this was a change [from Middleton to Rule] unacceptable to the country. The class of students which Mr. Middleton takes up in 1649 amounts to 49, but dwindles down to 13 when it comes into the hands of Mr. Rule in 1652. Mr. Rule came into the College by violence and without minding forms. . . . He went to England where he served as a minister probably of the sect of Independents. He married in Old Aberdeen Elisabeth Burnay, 4th February, 1635." *Gordon.* Afterwards Principal of Edinburgh University.

1657. Mr. Patrick Sandilands.

Senior Regent. Entrants of 1646-47, 1650-51, 1652-53 (the class which should have fallen to Rule), 1656-57, 1660-61, 1663-64 (the class which should have fallen to George Gordon), 1667-68, 1671-72, who graduate with George Middleton.

1673, August 20. Mr. Andrew Massie.

Senior Regent. In place of Mr. Patrick Sandilands, deceased. Procurators: Mr. John Scougall, commissar; Mr. Patrick Sibbald, one of the ministers of Aberdeen; Mr. George Tod, student of Divinity; Mr. David Sibbald, doctor of the Grammar School in Old Aberdeen. Graduates of 1657-58, 1661-62, 1665-66, 1669-70, 1673-74, 1677-78. Afterwards Regent, Edinburgh University. "There was a Mr. Andrew Massie, a Regent in the Marischal College, subscribes contract with Mr. Al. Sutherland, 16th September, 1675." [?] *Gordon.*

1679, October 21. Mr. George Middleton.

Previously Regent, but not Senior Regent. Graduates of 1674-75, 1678-79, 1681-82. Afterwards Principal.

1684, October 27. Mr. George Fraser.

Previously Regent, but not Senior Regent. Procurators as at election of Principal on same day. "Died anno 1711. . . . Married first to Ann Menzies, daughter of Prof. Menzies, an. 1683, April 26; and 19th April, 1707, he married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth Cruckshank, who had formerly been Lady Balgownie." *Gordon*. Graduates of 1682-83, 1686-87, 1690-91, 1694-95, 1698-99, 1702-03; (then in three year cycle) 1705-06, 1708-09. Died during Session, 1710-11.

1711, January 18. Mr. William Black.

Senior Regent. In place of Mr. George Fraser, deceased. Procurators: John Farquharson of Invercauld, Lothian; Captain John Stewart of Denny, Angus; Alexander Ker of Meanie, Aberdeen; Patrick Smith of Inveramsay, Moray. "He was one of the masters who in the year 1714 presented and forcibly intruded as Minister of Old Machar one Mr. John Sharp, an Episcopal Minister, in opposition to the Presbyters of Aberdeen, who were carrying on the settlement of Mr. Alexander Mitchel, Minister of Belhelvie, by a popular call. Note, during the time of this violence, those of the Presbyterian persuasion, being excluded violently from the parish church, attended worship, after the Presbyterian form, in one of the Prebend's manses, called Toryleith's house, Mr. Sharp in the mean time using the service of the Church of England in the parish church, where he was attended by Dr. Middleton, Mr. Black and most of the masters. This matter became a Justiciary process at Edinburgh at the instance of the Queen's Advocate, and Mr. Black was condemned to a quarter or half a year's imprisonment for the share he had taken in it; the hardship of which brought on his death, some time probably in the year 1714, before the Queen's death in August." *Gordon*.

1714. Mr. Alexander Fraser.

Senior Regent and Professor of Greek. Often designated "of Powis". Died January, 1742.

1742, January 20. Mr. Alexander Burnet.

Senior Regent, in place of Mr. Alexander Fraser, deceased. Procurators: Professor James Chalmers, Marischal College, Murray; Baillie William Mollison, Old Aberdeen, Mar; Baillie Andrew Burnet, chyrurgeon in Old Aberdeen, Angus; Mr. John Kinderly, student, Lothian. "He died in the year 1766" (*Gordon*), having held College offices for 54 years. See under "Regents," 1764.

1764, November 5. Mr. Roderick Macleod.

Senior Regent, in place of Mr. Alexander Burnet, demitted. Procurators: as in election of Mediciner on same day. See under "Principals," 1800.

1800, June 10. William Jack, M.D.

Senior Regent. Voted for by Dr. Gerard, Mr. Ogilvie, Dr. Dauney, Sir Alexander Bannerman, Dr. Jack, and four Procurators (James Forbes of Seaton,

Rev. William Mackenzie, Old Aberdeen, Mr. Andrew Jopp and Mr. John Watson, advocates: nominated by Dr. Daune, and supported by the other four members aforesaid). Mr. Robert Eden Scott was voted for by the Principal, the Rector, Dr. Macpherson, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Scott and four Procurators (Alexander Fraser of Fraserfield, James Mercer of Achnacant, Lieut.-Col. Francis Stewart of Lessmurdy, and Mr. Alexr. Shand, advocate: nominated by the Principal, and supported by the other four members aforesaid). The Principal gave a casting vote in each election; but the vote of the Rector in the election of Procurators was protested against by Dr. Daune and those who adhered to him; and this view was upheld by Counsel (R. Dundas, Robert Blair, F. Jeffrey—Min. of 3rd January, 1801).

1817, May 27. Hugh Macpherson, M.D.

Senior Regent. Nominators: Lieut.-Col. Forbes, Old Aberdeen, Mar; William Dingwall Fordyce of Techmuir, Angus; Hugh Gordon, Aberdeen, Moray; Alexander Bannerman, Aberdeen, Lothian. Dr. Macpherson had been elected to the same post, 23rd November, 1815, by himself, Professors Bentley, Paul, Tulloch and the same four Procurators; but on 26th May, 1817, the members unanimously agreed "to retrace their steps in order that hereby all differences may be terminated, and the irregular proceedings corrected which, in the course of the late elections, have taken place among all concerned". The Principal (Jack), Mr. Ogilvy, Dr. Daune and Dr. Bannerman absented themselves from the meeting of 23rd November, 1815. On 26th October, these four had proposed to fill up the vacant *Regency and Professorship of Moral Philosophy* by the appointment of Mr. Patrick Forbes, minister of Boharm: Dr. Jack to retain the Subprincipalship, in virtue of which alone he sat at the meeting, as the Chancellor had not yet formally admitted him as Principal. Professors Macpherson, Bentley, Paul and Tulloch voted for the Rev. Daniel Dewar, minister of the College Church in Aberdeen. The votes being equal, Dr. Jack offered a casting vote in favour of Mr. Forbes, but this was protested against. Before next meeting, on 18th November, when Dr. Jack, now admitted Principal by the Chancellor, had intended to admit the Rev. Patrick Forbes, Dr. Daniel Dewar had obtained from the Court of Session an interim interdict against his so doing. On 11th July, 1816, Lord Ordinary Pitmilley declared the interdict perpetual, finding "that the Charter of 1531, being the second foundation of the College by Bishop Elphinstone [Dunbar] as affected or explained by the usage which has prevailed, must furnish the rule for determining the present question; and in respect neither the Charter nor the usage has ever recognised among the founded persons of whom the College consists a Subprincipal separate or distinct from the Magister Artium or Regent to whose office the appointment of Subprincipal is annexed by the Charter, finds that by his resignation of the Moral Philosophy chair, Dr. Jack ceased to be Subprincipal, and had no right to vote in the election of his successor to the chair of the Philosophy class; finds that it is therefore unnecessary to determine whether Dr. Jack would have been entitled to a casting vote in the election of the Professor, if he had

an elective vote". The contention of the opposite party was that the junction of offices was effected only by the Nova Fundatio, which had never been recognised as statutory. The dispute gave rise to much bad feeling. (Cf. under "Rectors". Min. of 2nd December, 1816.) Dr. Macpherson married, 1st, 6th October, 1803, Ann Marcia Charters, and had issue, Martin, Samuel Charters; and 2nd, 25th September, 1809, Christina Macleod, and had issue, Isabella, William, Anne Maria, Christina, Janet, Hugh Martin, Margaret, Roderick Donald, Norman, Arthur George and Lucy Jane. Died 12th March, 1854.

1854, April 7. David Thomson, M.A.

Regent. Procurators: Robert Grigor, Moray; Rev. David M'Taggart, Mar; Rev. Robert Smith, Angus; Dr. Peter Redfern, Lothian. The electors "did unanimously record their sympathy with Dr. Hercules Scott, whose services as Regent, during a very long period, they highly appreciated, but whose infirm health rendered him unable to discharge the onerous duties of Subprincipal". Married, 14th September, 1843, Helen Stuart, and had issue, David Meliss, Mary Esther, Catherine Emma (m., 1877, George Sandeman), Annie, Helen Madeline, Isabella Marjory, Edmond Stronge and Charles Harald. Died 31st January, 1880. Bust in possession of University.

HUMANISTS.¹

15—. Mr. John Vaus.

Subscribes the Confirmation of 1531. Mentioned in deeds of dates 22nd May, 1516 (O. C., xxvi. 6), and 12th February, 153 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Parch. Chart., p. 141). Author of the well-known Latin Grammar.

153—. Mr. Theophilus Stewart.

Mentioned 17th April, 1539 (O. C., xiii. 5), and 5th March, 157 $\frac{1}{2}$ (*Gordon*, II. 175). "Maister of the gramer skwill of Ald Aberdeen, departit the xx. day of Marche, 1576 yeris." (*Misc. Spald. Club*, II. 43.)

15—. Mr. David Rait.

Mentioned 30th Oct., 1580, 27th May, 1581. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 177.) Afterwards Regent, Subprincipal and Principal.

158—. Mr. Peter Udney.

Mentioned 14th August, 1583. Afterwards Regent and Subprincipal. "The Nova Fundatio was prepared and presented to Parliament, an. 1584. . . . During its subsistence there was no Grammarian in the College. Some student of Theology living without the College was put in for a time to officiate for a trifling salary. He enjoyed none of the privileges belonging to the Professors of Humanity, by Bishop Elphinston's Foundation. The person thus employed commonly succeeded to the first vacant Regency that happened during his service." *Gordon*, I. 60; II. 173.

¹ "Quarum [personarum] . . . sexta alter magister artium pro puerorum et juvenum informatione in gramaticalibus et illius scientie primis rudimentis in dicto collegio institui debeat . . . pro quarum sustentationibus . . . magistro autem artium pro puerorum in gramaticalibus ut supra informatione prebendam beate Marie ad nives seu ecclesiam parochialem ejusdem in eadem universitate alias per nos apostolica auctoritate erectam et dotatam." Elphinstone's *Foundation* of 1505.

"Magistro prefato in grammaticalibus poetria et rhetorica regenti viginti marcas . . . una cum sua mansione domibus et edificiis constructis et construendis Cujus officium erit scholam grammaticalem in sua mansione tenere scholares in eadem docere ac in grammaticalibus poetria et rhetorica necnon disciplinis virtutibus et moribus instruere atque delinquentes ut decet castigare. . . . Grammaticus per rectorem universitatis procuratores nationum principalem doctores juris medicum subprincipalem artium regentes studentes in theologia predictos cantorem et sacristam nominetur et eligatur et per dictum cancellarium admittatur." *Dunbar's Confirmation* of 1531.

1584. Mr. David Clarke.
Subscribes 12th July, 1584. (*Gordon*, II. 177.) Afterwards Regent.
1585. Mr. John Guthrie.
Subscribes 15th March, 158 $\frac{1}{2}$ (*Gordon*, II. 173), and 21st December, 1587.
(O. C., xxiv. 8.) Afterwards Regent.
- 15—. Mr. John Erskin.
Fasti, p. lxxxiii.; not in *Gordon*.
1587. Mr. William Rait.
Subscribes 12th August, 1587. (O. C., xxvii. 33.)
- 158—. Mr. James Sibbald.
Subscribes 24th May, 1589. (*Gordon*, II. 173.) Afterwards Regent.
1590. Mr. Alexander Barclay.
Subscribes 1590 to 1598. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 175.)
1600. Mr. Robert Arbuthnot.
Subscribes 1600 to 1602. (*Gordon*, II. 173.)
- 160—. Mr. James Rait.
Subscribes 1604 to 1609. (*Gordon*, 173, 177.) Afterwards Regent.
1610. Mr. Robert Dunbar.
Subscribes 15th December, 1610. (*Gordon*, II. 175.) Afterwards Regent.
- 161—. Mr. William Forbes.
Subscribes 1613. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 175.) Afterwards Regent.
1614. Mr. Andrew Cant [the elder].
Subscribes 1614, 1615. (*Gordon*, II. 175, 179.) Minister of Alford, c. 1617.
- 161—. Mr. William Leslie.
Life of John Forbes of Corse, p. 25. Afterwards Regent.
- 161—. Mr. Alexander Lunan.
Subscribes 12th June, 1619. (*Gordon*, II. 173.) Afterwards Regent.
- 1619, September. Mr. David Wedderburn.
Appointed by Bishop Forbes' Commission of Visitation. "He did not enjoy any salarie." *Gordon*. See *Coll. Aberd. and Banff*, p. 60 (Spald. Club).
1622. Mr. John Ross.
Fasti, p. lxxxiv.; not in *Gordon*.
- 162—. Mr. James Hervey.
Subscribes 5th July, 1625, and 15th August, 1626. (*Gordon*, II. 179.) Minister of New Machar, 16—.
- 162—. Mr. George Mylne.
Subscribes 11th November, 1628. (*Gordon*, II. 177.) Afterwards Regent.
- 16—. Mr. John Lundie.
Previously Regent. "He died in possession of the office. He was member to the Glasgow Assembly, 1638, from the College, and petitioned the Assembly for a visitation of the College in order to remove the *membra inutilia*, who had

been introduced contrary to the King's Fundation (*nova fundatio*). He was a Covenanter; nevertheless he subscribed the King's Covenant, 15th January, 1639, fearing trouble. This was brought about, probably, by the Marquis of Huntly. He had subscribed the other Covenant, 20th July, 1638, when the Covenanters came to Aberdeen. He was married to Margaret Gordon at Gordon's Mill, 12th July, 1647." *Gordon*.

16— Mr. John Brodie.

Subscribes 28th July, 1655, and 7th May, 1658. (United Coll. Chart., pp. 13, 76.)

16— Mr. John Forbes.

"He is Prof. of Humanity, 30th Sept., 1662. He was master of the Grammar School of Aberdeen before [? Town Council Minutes, 10th June, 1663] he got this office; and he was afterwards Sheriff Depute of Aberdeen." *Gordon*.

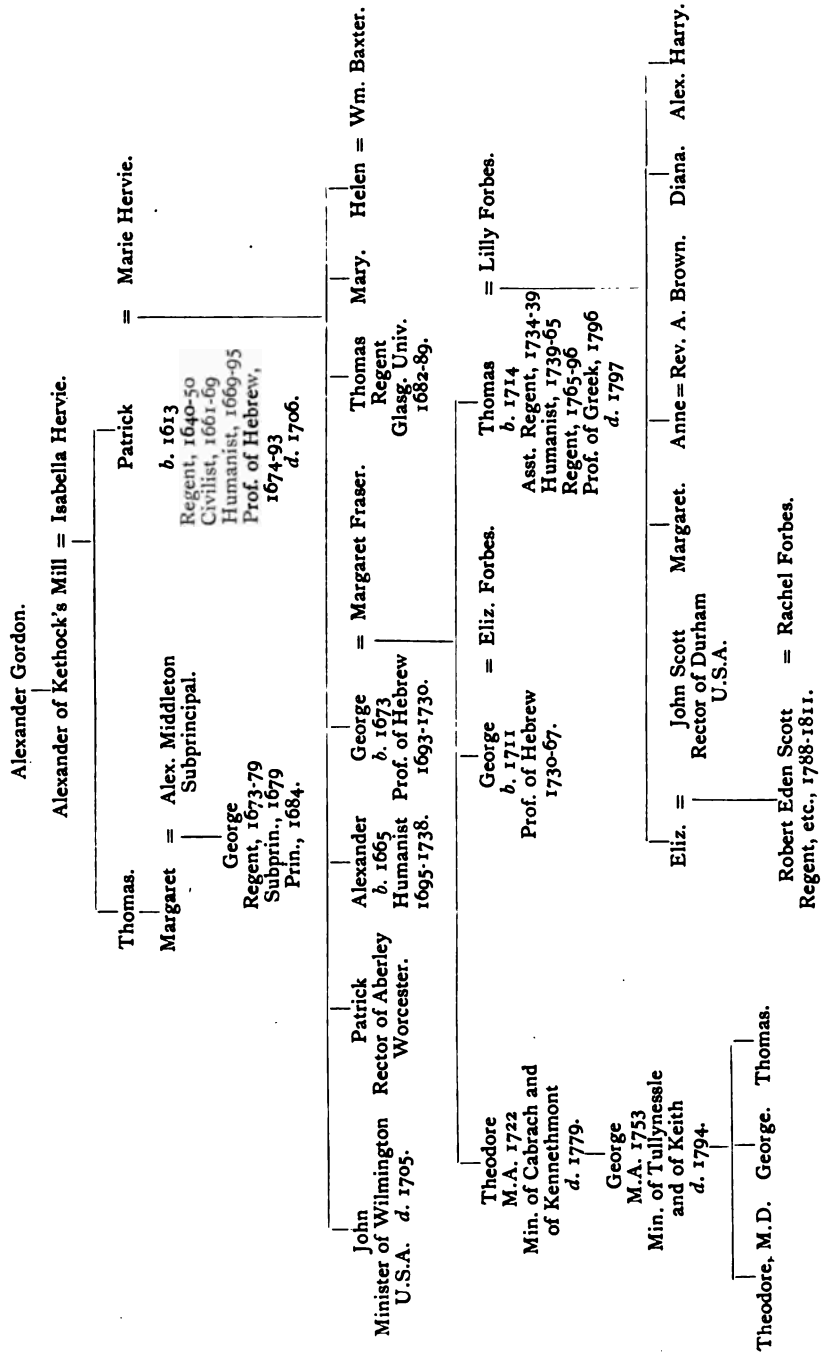
1669. Mr. Patrick Gordon.

Previously Regent, 1640-50. "He was a son of Gordon of Kethock's Mill.¹ . . . He married Marie Hervie, 22nd June, 1650. He was turned out by the English, along with Principal Guild; upon which only 16 of his 32 students [entrants of 1647-48] remained at the College [graduates of 1651-52: Mr. John Strachan]. After the Restoration he was made Civilist, which he demits anno 1669, and became Humanist, in which last office he died. Having acquired the Hebrew language from a Jew that happened to come to the country, the College gave him a salary of [300 merks] with the title of Professor of Hebrew, in order to induce him to teach the students that language, which he continued to do, along with the Humanity, till his death. . . . 7th January, 1693, Mr. Patrick being 80 years of age, the Masters nominate his son, Mr. Thomas Gordon, as his Colleague, and find and oblige themselves to declare him his father's successor at his death, etc., and to grant him a presentation, etc. [This minute not now extant.] Note, this Mr. Thomas Gordon had been a Regent in Glasgow College; was an active person in opposition to the Revolution, for which he underwent a trial for his life before the Court of Justiciary; was confined by them a prisoner to his father's house, his confinement afterwards enlarged to the county, afterwards taken off altogether. He was the first collector of the Bishops' rents of Aberdeen. He collected crops 1695, 1696, 1697." *Gordon*.

1695, October 1. Mr. Alexander Gordon.

See Minute of 23rd February, 1719. "Born 27th October, 1665. He was son of the former Humanist, Mr. Patrick Gordon, and entered to the office upon his death. . . . He took Episcopal ordination, and was assistant to the minister of Logie in Buchan at the time this office was conferred upon him. 26th December, 1704, he married Barbara Colison, in Banchory Devenick. He died possessed of this office in the month of December, 1738." *Gordon*.

¹ "Of Thomas of Ruthven or Daach [Tam Gordon] are . . . Kethock's Mill." *Gordon's Scots Affairs*, I. ii. The appended tree is based partly on Professor Thomas Gordon's MSS., partly on information supplied by the Rev. H. E. Hayden, M.A., Curate of S. Stephen's, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania, U.S.A. See also Spalding Club *Miscellany*, V. p. 366.



1739, January 5. Mr. Thomas Gordon.

Previously Assistant to Mr. A. Fraser. See under "Regents". In place of his uncle, Mr. Alex. Gordon, deceased. Procurators: Baillie William Molyson, Marr; Mr. James Udney, advocate, Aberdeen, Angus; Mr. Patrick Bradford, Lothian; Mr. James Molyson, Murray. "Son of Mr. George Gordon the first ["Professors of Hebrew"], born 14th August, 1714. . . . Continued to teach Mr. Alex. Fraser's class till the month of November, 1740." *Gordon*.¹

1765, September 3. Mr. William Ogilvie.

Exchanging offices with Thomas Gordon. See under "Regents". Procurators: Professor Gerard, Lothian; Patrick Wilson, Esq., Moray; Lieutenant Robert Hay, Mar; Hugh Maclean of Coll, Angus. LL.D., Columbia College, New York, 1793. See full account of Ogilvie in Mr. D. C. Macdonald's edition of his *Essay on the Right of Property in Land*, which contains a portrait. Died, unmarried, 14th February, 1819.

1817, July 18. Rev. Patrick Forbes.

Minister of second charge in Old Machar. To be Assistant and Successor to Mr. Ogilvie, and "with an appointment at the same time to teach a class of Chemistry and Natural History, besides the usual Humanity Class" (to meet six days a week at 10 A.M. for students of second year. Minute of 27th September). Procurators: Professor James Davidson, Marischal College, Mar; Robert Forbes of Castleton, Angus; James Hardie, advocate, Moray; George MacInnes, Old Aberdeen, Lothian. Married, 1st, 3rd June, 1800, Helen, daughter of Baillie John Copland, and had issue (alive in 1817), John, Francis and Anna: 2nd, 17th December, 1821, Mary, daughter of Rev. Dr. George Glennie, and had issue, Alexander, George, Margaret, Mary, Patrick, James, Helen. Died, 13th October, 1847. See Mrs. Rodger's *Aberdeen Doctors*, p. 246; and *Scottish Notes and Queries*, III. p. 27.

1847, November 9. George Ferguson, A.M.

One of Classical Masters in Edinburgh Academy. Procurators: Rev. John Wilson, Angus; Henry Paterson, Lothian; Robert Gregor, Moray; John D. Milne, Mar. LL.D., 1860; when he demitted office, acting, however, as the first Examiner in Classics in the University of Aberdeen.

¹ 1753, April 25. The Humanist "having advised with his Colleags and corresponded with gentlemen in the Universities of S. Andrews and Glasgow anent the proper duty of a Professor of Humanity, intends to give over at Whitsunday next the teaching the elements of Latin in the way of a Grammar School, and in place thereof he proposes to teach ane Humanity Class during the session of the College in the same manner as in other Universities". The Principal complains, 26th January, 1760, that "he has scarcely ever had the face of a publick class".

REGENTS.'

15—. Mr. Henry Spittal.

"Is adolescentes, priusquam altiores peteret disciplinas, quosdam exacta diligentia nobiscum in philosophia erudit; Wilhelmi nostri cognatus." Boece's *Life of Elphinstone*; and *Dempster*.

15—. Mr. David Guthrie.

"Utriusque juris doctorem et in prefata Universitate legentem." (O. C., xlviii. 1); and *Dempster*.

Mr. Robert Gray.

1519. Mr. John Bisset.

Mr. Michael Walker.

"Note, on the back of a letter addressed to Mr. Patrick Gordon. The note is like Mr. P. Gordon's handwriting: 'Anno 1519, mense Julij, Mr. Hector Boetius fuit Collegij Regalis Aberdonensis Primarius, Mr. Wm^s Hay Subprimarius, Mri Robertus Gray, Joannes Bisset, Michael Valcar actu Regentes, Mr. Joannes Awell Cantor, Patricius Hay Sacrista'." *Gordon*. Gray is mentioned in *Vaus' Commentarii*, 1522. Bisset is styled "artium actu regens" in deed of 10th March, 152³. (*Parch. Chart.*, p. 139.) He was afterwards Principal.

15—. Mr. John Hay.

Collation to a chaplaincy, 2nd June, 1520. (O. C., xxvi. 8.)

¹"Ordinamus quod in dicto collegio sint . . . quinque magistri artium in theologia studentes qui similiter cum predictis sacerdotio fungi debeant pro quibus sustentandis primo de eisdem decem libras de terris eisdem per nos assignatis qui quidem in artibus cotidie legere et actualiter regere teneatur secundo de eisdem, etc. . . . Et dicti regentes in artibus instruant et informant suos scolares in scientiis liberalibus prout regentes artium in alma Universitate Parisiensi suos ibidem instruunt scolares et informant." *Elphinstone's Foundation of 1505*.

"Reliqui autem sex erunt in theologia studentes . . . ex quibus quum opus fuerit arbitrio principalis et subprincipalis ad regentiam in artibus eligi et in eisdem legere astringi volumus. . . . Studentes in theologia . . . per subprincipalem regentes artium grammaticum canonistam civicum et medicum nominentur et per principalem admittantur." *Dunbar's Confirmation of 1531*.

See also *Nova Fundatio* in Appendix II.

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| Mr. John Melvin. | } |
| Mr. John Watson. | |
| Mr. Patrick Ogston. | |
| Mr. John Wyllie. | |
| Mr. James Henderson. | |
| Mr. George Narne. | |

These six are given, *Fasti*, p. lxxxv., apparently on the authority of an Obligation by the members of the College, of date 17th February, 1542 (O. C. xix. 9), in which their names occur. But only Melvin is designated "regens," the others being seemingly the "studentes in theologia" of Dunbar's *Confirmation*. Gordon (II. 179) gives Melvin, Watson and Ogston as Regents, 16th July, 1543. Watson is mentioned in Robertson's *Stat. Eccl. Scot.*, II. 289.

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| Mr. Alexander Anderson. | } |
| Afterwards Subprincipal and Principal. | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. Andrew Galloway. | |
| Afterwards Subprincipal. | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. John Henderson. | |
| <i>Orem.</i> Mr. Joannes Hendyrson intravit 20 Oct., 1547. ¹ | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. James Chalmers. | |
| <i>Orem.</i> Mr. Jacobus Chalmyr intravit 14 Nov., 1547. ¹ | |
| Mr. Gilbert Garden. | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. William Mainie. | |
| Mr. William Lumsden. | |
| <i>Orem.</i> | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. Robert Maitland. | |
| "Afterwards dean of Aberdeen; the same who resigned the deanry in favour of the College, at the Reformation." <i>Orem.</i> | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. John Rait. | |
| <i>Orem.</i> | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. Alexander Galloway. | |
| <i>Fasti</i> , p. lxxxv.: not in <i>Orem</i> or <i>Gordon</i> . | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. Andrew Anderson. | |
| 15—. | } |
| Mr. Thomas Anneslie. | |

¹ Of the other "studentes in theologia" in 1549

Mr. Joannes Davidsoun intravit qui recessit versus Galliam 7 Sept., 1549.
 Mr. Gulielmus Davidsoun intravit 6 Julij, 1548.
 Mr. Alexander Allyrdies intravit 10 Febr., 1548.
 Mr. Andreas Elder intravit 10 Nov., 1546.
 Mr. Gulielmus Skejne intravit 17 Sept., 1549.

Minutes of Visitation. (O. C., xxiii. 2.)

15—. Mr. Gilbert Norrie.

"The three last were put out, with the Principal and Subprincipal, at the Reformation." *Orem.* The names given in "The Booke of the Universall Kirk," I. 141, are Andrew Anderson, Thomas *Owsten*, and *Duncan* Norie. Not ejected till 1569.

15—. Mr. Gilbert Skeyne.

Fasti : not in *Orem* or *Gordon*.

1569. Mr. George Paterson.

Subscribes 19th April, 1572 (*Gordon*, II. 177); minister of Belhelvie 1st May, 1570, apparently holding the Regency in conjunction; translated to Daviot, 1573.

1569. Mr. Hercules Rollock.

Subscribes 19th April, 1572. "These two were put in at the same time, when Mr. Arbuthnot was made Principal, and Mr. Lawson Subprincipal." *Orem.* Brother of Principal Robert Rollock, of Edinburgh.

15—. Mr. Thomas Cheyne.

Orem.

15—. Mr. Duncan Davidson.

Orem. Presented minister of Rathen, 26th February, 1574.

15—. Mr. Walter Ogilvie.

Orem.

15—. Mr. Walter Stewart.

Orem. Afterwards Subprincipal and Principal.

15—. Mr. Robert Mercer.

Promoted to be minister at Banchory Devenick, 1578, but held the Regency in conjunction.

15—. Mr. Alexander Skene.

15—. Mr. Andrew Arbuthnot.

These three subscribe 10th April, 1580, and 27th May, 1581. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 177.)

158—. Mr. David Rait.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 14th August, 1583. (*Gordon*, II. 173.) Afterwards Subprincipal and Principal.

158—. Mr. Robert Burnet.

Subscribes 14th August, 1583; 15th March, 1584. (*Gordon*, II. 173.) Promoted to be minister at Oyne, 1596.

158—. Mr. Peter Udney.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 12th July, 1584, and 24th May, 1589. (*Gordon*, II. 183, 187.) Afterwards Subprincipal.

158—. Mr. David Clarke.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 15th March, 1584. (*Gordon*, II. 173.)

158— Mr. William Barclay.

Subscribes, 4th April, 1585 (*Gordon*, II. 179), and 20th March, 15⁸⁹₉₀ (O. C., xxiv. 8^a). *Gordon*, I. 76, says 5th April, 1583, and 31st March, 1598, but this must be an error. See Appx. I. "Afterwards an advocate in Edinburgh." *Orem*.

158— Mr. Dugal Mackenzie.

"There happened to be a Vacancy of a Regency at Aberdeen, in which Place our Authour was installed with the universal Applause of the whole Masters of the University. And in this Station he continued till his Death . . . 1588." *George Mackenzie's Scots Writers*, II. 476. This statement seems irreconcilable with the sequence of Regents shown in the Appendix.

1587. Mr. John Guthrie.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 12th August, 1587, and 9th May, 1592. (O. C., xxvii. 33.) Promoted to be minister of Banff, 1590.

15— Mr. James Sibbald.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 13th December, 1590; 13th May, 1593. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 175.) Promoted to be minister of Benholm, 1595.

15— Mr. William Forbes.

Subscribes 25th November, 1592; 16th June, 1598. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 179.) Promoted to be minister of Kinbetroch or Towie, 1596; Fraserburgh, 1618.

159— Mr. David Robertson.¹

Subscribes 29th November, 1594; 16th June, 1598. (*Gordon*, II. 173, 175.) Promoted to be minister of S. Fergus, 1599.

159— Mr. John Chalmer.

Subscribes 29th May, 1597. (*Gordon*, II. 175.) See under "Subprincipals".

1599. Mr. Andrew Young.

Subscribes 15th March, 1600. (*Gordon*, II. 173.) According to the Album he has the graduating class in Session 1600-01, but his pupil, Mr. Gilbert Keith, succeeds him with the entering class of 1601-02. "Both before and afterwards Regent in Edinburgh." *Orem*. This is not correct. According to Dalziel's *University of Edinburgh*, Young graduated at Edinburgh in 1598, and was an unsuccessful candidate for a Regency there in 1599, but was called from Aberdeen to fill a vacancy in December, 1601.

16— Mr. James Strachan.

Graduates of 1601-02, 1605-06, 1609-10, when he was promoted to be minister of Coldstone.

16— Mr. Patrick Guthrie.

Subscribes 19th May, 1602. (*Gordon*, II. 175.) See under "Subprincipals".

1601. Mr. Gilbert Keith.

Succeeded Mr. Andrew Young. Graduates of 1604-05, 1608-09, 1612-13,

¹ *Fasti*, p. lxxxvi., following *Gordon*, I. 77, gives a Mr. Andrew Robertson in 1597, but this seems an error for David. See Appendix I.

when he is succeeded by Mr. William Forbes. Promoted to be minister of Skene, 1610;¹ Bourtie, 1617.

1610. Mr. Patrick Reid.

Subscribes 15th December, 1610. (*Gordon*, II. 175.) Has entrants of 1610-11, but the class is taken up by Mr. Robert Dunbar.

1610. Mr. James Rait.

Previously Humanist. Subscribes as Regent 15th December, 1610. Graduates of 1611-12, 1615-16; entrants of 1616-17, who graduate with Mr. John Forbes. Promoted to be minister of Aberluthnot, 1617.

1611. Mr. Robert Dunbar.

Previously Humanist. Entrants of 1610-11, 1614-15, who graduate with Mr. William Forbes. Promoted to be minister at Skene "about 1618"; Tough, 1625.

1613. Mr. William Forbes.

Previously Humanist. See under "Subprincipals".

1617. Mr. William Leslie.

Previously Humanist. See under "Subprincipals".

1617. Mr. John Forbes.

Graduates of 1619-20 and 1623-24, and entrants of 1624-25, who graduate with Mr. David Leech. Promoted to be minister of Auchterless in 16—.

1618. Mr. Alexander Lunan.

Previously Humanist. Entrants of 1618-19 and 1622-23, who graduate with Mr. John Lundie. Subscribes 5th July, 1625. (*Gordon*, II. 179.) Promoted to be minister of Monymusk, 2nd October, 1625; of Kintore, 1628.

1623. Mr. Patrick Forbes.

Entrants of 1623-24, who graduate with Mr. John Lundie. Subscribes 5th July, 1625. "Died Regent." *Orem*.

1625. Mr. John Lundie.

Graduates of 1625-26; entrants of 1626-27, who graduate with Mr. Alexander Strachan. Afterwards Humanist.

1627. Mr. David Leech.

See under "Subprincipals".

162—. Mr. George Leith.

Entrants of 1627-28 and 1632-33, and probably semis of intervening Sessions. Promoted to be minister of Culsalmond "prior to 17th June, 1635"; Bethelny, 1647; Candidate for Chair of Divinity, 1641.

¹ "1605. Alexander Scrogie, prom. [to Skene] from being Regent in King's College, Aberdeen." *Scott's Fasti*, III. 514. This seems a blunder, as the sequence of Regents, 1600-10, is clear. See Appendix I.

162-. Mr. Andrew Strachan.

Graduates of 1628-29, 1629-30, 1630-31, 1631-32. Afterwards Professor of Divinity.

162-. Mr. George Milne.

Orem. The name is not found in the Album, but he may have taught the Tertians, 1629-30. Previously Humanist. Promoted to be minister of Premnay in 16—.

163-. Mr. James Sandilands.

Subscribes 28th October, 1631 (New Chest). His name also does not occur in the Album: he may have taught the Tertians, 1631-32. Afterwards Civilist.

1633. Mr. Robert Ogilvie.

Apparently succeeded Mr. George Leith. Regent and Procurator Angusensis at College Meeting, 30th June, 1634. See under "Subprincipals," 1638.

1634. Mr. William Strachan.

Name not found in Album. Is Regent and Procurator Moraviensis, 30th June, 1634. Promoted to be minister of Methlick, 1635; Old Machar, 1640.

1634. Mr. Alexander Middleton.

Regent and Procurator Laudoniensis, 30th June, 1634. See under "Subprincipals," 1641.

1635, November 3. Mr. Alexander Gardyne.

Appears in place of Strachan, now minister of Methlick. Entrants of 1641-42, who graduate with Mr. A. Youngson. Promoted to be minister of Forgue, 1645. "He was married to Isabel Middleton in Old Aberdeen, 1644." *Gordon*.

1638, April 30. Mr. Alexander Scrogie,

Younger, student of Theology. Had been Procurator Aberdonensis, 30th June, 1634. Elected in place of Ogilvie, now Subprincipal. Deprived by General Assembly Committee, and Gardyne appointed to teach his (third) class, as well as his own (18th October, 1639).

1640, October 8. Mr. Patrick Gordon.

In place of Scrogie. Graduates of 1642-43, 1646-47, and entrants of 1647-48, who graduate with Mr. J. Strachan. Ejected with the Principal and Subprincipal *c.* 1650. Afterwards Civilist, 1661; Humanist, 1669; and Professor of Hebrew, 1673.

1641, March 10. Mr. William Rait.

Elected in place of A. Middleton, now Subprincipal. Son of James Rait, *supra*. Promoted to be minister of Aberluthnot about 1643; Brechin, 1644; Principal, 1661-62.

1642. Mr. George Middleton.

Appears as Regent, seemingly in place of Rait (31st October). Graduates of 1643-44, 1647-48; entrants of 1649-50, who graduate with Mr. Gilbert Rule. M.D., 16—.

1644, October 4. Mr. Andrew Youngson.

Previously Regent at Marischal College. In place of Gardyne, now minister of Forgue. Graduates of 1644-45; entrants of 1645-46. "He went abroad and became popish." *Orem*.

1646, June 26. Mr. Patrick Sandilands.

Previously Regent at Marischal College. In place of Youngson, "resolved to travell out of the country for furtherance of his studies". Youngson was afterwards professor in the Scots College, Madrid. See under "Subprincipals".

1651. Mr. John Strachan.¹

Graduates of 1650-51 (apparently succeeding Patrick Gordon) and 1654-55. In 1659, Mr. Patrick Sandilands, Subprincipal, graduates "magistro Joanne Strachano regente in Gallias contendente". Rector of the Scots College in Rome, 1670. "The said Mr. Strachan was the best scholar that ever was in the College. But the Cants and the rest of the clergy in Aberdeen had prejudice at him, because he was a royalist; and because his uncle, Sir John Strachan, was with King Charles II. At last, the said Strachan was to graduate his scholars of the magistrand class; and after he had printed his theses, and distributed them, and the day appointed for the graduation in the common school of the College, then Mr. Andrew Cant, regent in Marischal College, and the rest of the clergy, accused Mr. Strachan for his theses, and said he had set down popish positions in them. But Mr. Strachan told them he would defend all that was inserted in his thesis; whereupon the diet of graduation was altered, and a new diet to be at S. Machar's Church in Old Aberdeen. When the day came, there was a great confluence of gentry from all places of the country, who came to S. Machar's Church. Thence came over the Cants, and Mr. Menzies, and all the rest of the clergy of Aberdeen, and with them Mr. Alexander Cant, minister of Nether Banchory, and placed themselves in the Marquess of Huntly's loft, opposite to the pulpit; for Mr. Strachan had taken the pulpit, and no person with him but Professor Douglas, who sat on the latron, and Principal Row sat alone in the college-loft. Mr. Strachan began with a prayer, and after had a long harangue; which, being ended, he invited them to impugn his theses. Then they began to object, and he answered their arguments readily; but to his solutions they all answered *una voce*, which made a great confusion in the disputations. Yet learned men said that Mr. Strachan had the better of it that day. This dispute continued long; at last, when it was ended, and the people dismissed, coming out of the church door, Mr. Strachan accuses young Mr. Andrew Cant, regent, for some reflecting answer he had given him in the time of the dispute, and would have

¹ The entry "1648, J. Middleton," occurs in the list of Regents given in the *Fasti Aberd.*, p. lxxxvii., but no such name is found in the Album or in the lists of Orem or Gordon. The signature on p. 163 of the *Fasti* appears to be a misreading of "M. G. Middleton, Regent". "James Chalmers, promoted [to New Machar] from being Regent in King's Coll. previous to 1651." Scott's *Fasti*, III. 508. This seems a blunder, as the sequence of Regents, 1640-50, is clear. See Appendix I.

trampled him under his feet, if the gentry had not interposed, and taken Mr. Strachan away with them. For Mr. Strachan was a gentleman, and a pretty man both in parts and in body, and undervalued all the Cants. His father was Mr. Alexander Strachan, minister of Logie Durno, and parson of Fetterneir. Before the dispute, Mr. Strachan graduated his class; and the Earl of Aberdeen, who became chancellor of Scotland, was first graduated; then the rest. And immediately thereafter, Mr. Strachan demitted in favours of Mr. George Gordon, with consent of the College, because he could not live at peace with the Covenanters. And thereafter, the said Mr. Strachan went abroad and studied physick. Then he came home to see his father and his friends; and after that he went again abroad, turned popish, and died abroad, etc." *Orem.*

1651. Mr. Gilbert Rule.

The accounts of the Bishops' Rents are signed in 1650 by Patrick Gordon, George Middleton and Patrick Sandilands, Regents; in 1651, by Patrick Sandilands, Gilbert Rule and John Strachan, Regents. See under "Subprincipals," 1652.

1652. Mr. Hugh Anderson.

Graduates of 1653-54 (apparently succeeding Mr. Alex. Middleton, and taking Mr. Patrick Sandilands' class in 1652); entrants of 1654-55, who graduate with Mr. Andrew Massie. Promoted to be minister of Cromarty, 1656. Married Grisel, daughter of Principal Row. Died 3rd June, 1704.

1656. Mr. Andrew Massie.

Probably succeeded Mr. H. Anderson in 1656. See under "Subprincipals," 1673.

1657. Mr. William Johnston.

Entrants of 1657-58 (apparently succeeding Rule), 1661-62, 1665-66; graduates of 1668-69. Elected Civilist 8th June, 1669. "When Regent he marries Helen Cullen, daughter of Provost Cullen, 23rd March, 1662." *Gordon.* Son of Arthur Johnston. Davidson's *Garioch*, p. 366.

1659. Mr. George Gordon.

Entrants of 1659-60; graduates of 1662-63. Succeeded Strachan. First Earl of Aberdeen, 1682.

1663. Mr. Robert Forbes.

Previously Regent in Marischal College. Seemingly in place of Gordon (last mentioned 16th February). Appears as Regent together with Massie 10th November, and together with Massie and Johnstoun 8th December. Graduates of 1663-64, 1667-68, 1671-72, 1675-76, 1679-80 [1683-84]. Died 1687. See under "Canonists".

1669, May 25. Mr. Henry Scougall.

In place of Mr. William Johnston, elected Civilist. Entrants of 1669-70; graduates of 1670-73. Afterwards Professor of Divinity. Son of Bishop Scougall.

1673, August 22. Mr. George Middleton.

"Presently minister at Glames." Eldest son of Principal Alexander Middleton. In place of Massie. See under "Subprincipals," 1679.

1673. Mr. George Garden.

Entrants of 1673-74 (apparently succeeding Scougall). Promoted to be minister of Forgue, 1677; Old Machar, 1679.

1674. Mr. John Buchan.

Subscribes as Regent 29th December, 1674, apparently succeeding Garden. Graduates of 1676-77, 1680-81, 1684-85; entrants of 1685-86, who graduated with Mr. A. Fraser. "Afterwards advocate in Edinburgh." *Orem*. "7th June, 1679, he marries Margaret Menzies, eldest daughter of Professor Menzies." *Gordon*.

1679. Mr. George Fraser.

Entrants of 1679-80 (apparently succeeding Andrew Massie). See under "Subprincipals," 1684.

1684, November 6. Mr. William Black.

Student in Divinity. In place of Mr. George Fraser, now Subprincipal. "Appointed to have a discourse publickly in the Common Schoole in presence of the masters and students *De Scientia et num detur*." See under "Subprincipals," 1711.

1686,¹ November 18. Mr. Alexander Fraser.

Student in Divinity. In place of Mr. John Buchan, demitted. Discourse *De Immortalitate Animae*. Graduates of 1688-89, 1692-93, 1696-97; entrants of 1697-98, who graduate with Mr. G. Skeen. See below, 1700.

1687, March 15. Mr. George Skeen.

Student in Divinity. In place of Mr. Robert Forbes, deceased. Discourse *De Continuo*. Graduates of 1687-88, 1691-92, 1695-96, 1699-1700, 1700-01 (taking Mr. A. Fraser's place; and then, in three year cycle), 1703-04, 1706-07. Died during Session, 1708-09. "20th September, 1796 [1696], marries Kathrie Ædie in the parish of Old Aberdeen." *Gordon*.

1700, September 7. Mr. Alexander Fraser, Professor of Greek.

"By a great plurality of votes." In compliance with the Ordinance of the Parliamentary Commission of Visitation.² Marischal College did not appoint a

¹ The entry "1685 Ma. Scougall" occurs in the list of Regents given in the *Fasti Aberd.*, p. lxxxvii.; but no such name is found in the lists of *Orem* or *Gordon*, and the College Minutes seem to be complete from 24th October, 1684, to 21st October, 1689. The signature on p. 193 of the *Fasti* appears to be a misreading of "M. Ja. Scougall" (Civillist).

² "At Edinburgh, the 16th day of August, 1700 years, the commissioners appointed by act of parliament for visitation of universities, colleges, and schools taking to their consideration that it would conduce much to the better learning, and for the improvement of the study of the Greek tongue, that the teacher of the same in the first of the four classes in use for Greek

separate Professor of Greek until 1717. (See Min. of 8th September, 1701.) Mr. George Skene, to whom in rotation the Bajan class would have fallen (see Min. of 12th February), to teach Mr. Fraser's class, the Magistranda, next winter. In 1717 Mr. John Ker was appointed Professor of Greek, and Mr. A. Fraser resumed the three year cycle as a Regent; graduates of 1719-20, 1722-23, 1725-26, 1728-29, 1731-32; semis of 1732-33 (Mr. A. Rait, colleague), 1734-35 (Mr. T. Gordon, colleague), 1737-38, 1740-41 (Mr. J. Chalmers, colleague, with whom they graduate). See under "Subprincipals," 1714. Founder of the Powis family.

1709, January 24. Dr. James Urquhart.

Son of the Mediciner: in place of Mr. George Skene, deceased. Two candidates appeared on 10th January to compete for the vacancy in consequence of the programme issued under the ordinance of the Commissioners of Visitation:¹

and philosophy in each university and college were fixed, and not ambulatory as now he is; do therefore appoint and ordain that hereafter the said teacher of the Greek tongue be fixed, and continue still to teach the same in the said first class to all that shall come to learn under him from year to year, as constant master of the said Greek language, which he is hereby appointed to begin to teach at and after the first day of November through the whole year, untill the rising of the class by the ordinary vacation; so that in all that space he is to teach only the Greek grammar and proper Greek authors, without teaching so much as any Structura Syllogismi, or any thing else belonging to the course of philosophy, which is only to be commenced the next year thereafter; and this act and ordinance to take effect after the first of November next. Likeas, for the encouragement of the said fixed teacher of the Greek, it is hereby appointed that no scholar bred at schools in Scotland shall be admitted to learn philosophy, or any part of the course thereof, in any of the colleges and universities, unless that he have learned his Greek, at least for the ordinary year under the said fixed Greek master, and report an authentic certification thereon; and this provision to take effect for and after the year 1701, and no sooner. And for the better executing this act it is farther enacted, that if there be at present any vacancy of any of the four ordinarily called masters or professors of philosophy in any of the said colleges and universities, the same shall be supplied in the ordinary manner by a fixed Greek master, who is to remain as said is, leaving the other three to ascend with their philosophy classes as use is; and where there is no vacancy, the said fixed Greek master is for this time to be chosen by the faculty (that is the meeting of the rector, the professors and masters of each of the said colleges and universities) out of the masters, as the said faculty shall determine, which they are hereby ordained to do betwixt and the first day of October next. And the Greek master that shall be chosen hereby is ordained to obey without reclaiming, with this provision nevertheless for his encouragement, that it shall be in his option, upon any vacancy that happens of any of the said three philosophy masters in his college or university, to betake himself to his place without any new trial; in which case the vacancy of the Greek master shall be supplied by one to be fixed as above. And the commission ordain letters and charges to be direct on this act as effeirs, and that the same be furthwith printed and sent to the several universities and colleges, that none may pretend ignorance."

¹ "At Edinburgh, the twenty-seventh day of September, M. vic and nynyty yeares.

"The lords and others of the commission of parliament, appointed for visitation of universitys, colledges and schoolls, taking to their consideration how necessar it is that the

Dr. Urquhart and Mr. John Gordon, son of the minister at Clunie. Professor George Gordon objected to Dr. Urquhart, "1^o Because the Bursars of Theologie by the Fundatione are inhibited to studie or practise medicine, which notwithstanding the said Dr. James doeth, and is also by ane act of the Colledge in his favours allowed to be ane assistant to his fater in the professione of Medicine if employed by the principall's advyce. 2^o That the said Dr. James is knownen to be of principalls and sentiments contrarie to the established Government of the Church by his open and avowed dishanting the publict ordinances therof, and frequenting a form of worship performed by ministers discharged and disallowed by law, so that it is most dangerous to trust the Educatione of youth to a young man of such disaffected and pernicious principalls." Dr. Urquhart, however, expressed his willingness to resign his assistantship to his fater, and to take the usual oaths. Whereupon the masters "put in ane hatt ten litle peices of paper, upon every one of which was writtine a distinct subject or head of philosophie, one of which the competitors were appoynted to draw, each of them one, and to have a discourse and sustain theses therupon. And accordingly at drawing ther fell to Dr. James Urquhart the head *De natura et causis gravitatis*, and to Mr. John Gordone that *De aestu maris reciproco*; upon which subjects the saids competitors respective were appoynted to have in readines and deliver ther discourses in the publict schooll the one after the other on Wednesday nixt the twelth instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and afterwards

universities and colledges within this kingdom be provided with pious learned and well qualified masters and regents, and that in all time coming none be admitted masters or regents of the saids universities and colledges but such as are so qualified; and to the effect that their qualifications may be the better known, the lords and others of the aforesaid commission doe hereby statute, enact and declare, that in all time coming no regent or master of a class (albeit they have ane presentation therto) be admitted or received in any universitie or colledge within this kingdome, without an previous tryall and program to be affixt upon the gates of the university or colledge into which he is to be received, inviting all persons to be present and dispute for the place; and in case at the day affixt any person compear and offer to dispute with the person swa presented upon any problematicall subject, it is hereby declared that he shall be holden and obleist to dispute with any person swa offering to compete, and also that he undergo ane tryall by examination or otherways, as the judges of the said university or colledge shall think fitt; and which judges, at adviseing of the dignity and merit of the parties competing, are to consider not only the abilities and learning of the said parties, but also their piety, good life and conversation, their prudence, fitness for the place, affection for the government of church and state now established, and their other good qualifications complexdly; and the party most worthie is to be preferred to the said place. And in case any master or regent shall hereafter be received into any of the saids universities or colledges, without undergoing the forsaid tryall by program and dispute in case of competition, their admission is hereby declared void and null; with this provision always, that the principalls professors of divinity and others professors in the saids universities and colledges shall not be holden to undergo any such tryall at their admissions, but that they shall be presented admitted and received as formerly. Extracted furth of the records of the said commission of parliament by me James Hamilton, clerk to the said commission."

immediately to deliver to each other the respective theses to be respectively impugned and defended on thursday thereafter." The minutes of these meetings are not extant. Deposed by Commission, 1717.

1711,¹ March 17. Mr. William Simsone.

Schoolmaster at Banff: in place of Mr. William Black, now Subprincipal. There were three other candidates: Mr. John Gordon, son of Mr. Robert Gordon, minister of Clunie in Perthshire; Mr. Alexander Burnet, governour to the Laird of Drum, younger; and Mr. John Monro, governour to George Monro, younger, of Culrain. These four drew by lot on 12th March the subjects *De rerum possibilitate et impossibilitate*; *De prima morum regula*; *De principiis corporum*; *De origine fontium fluviorum*: each to form the subject of a discourse of half-an-hour's length to be impugned by the others. On the 17th Simsone was elected by a majority, four (including the Principal) to three (for Burnet) of the seven electors (Principal, Subprincipal, Humanist, Civilist, Mediciner, and two Regents); the professors of Mathematics and Oriental Languages came to the meeting "without being called," and "would needs give their votes in favours of Mr. Burnet," who thereupon came in accompanied by several of his friends and continued "with great rudeness to interrupt the proceedings". The five dissentients subscribed a presentation to Burnet; but the Principal administered the oaths to Simsone.

1712, March 22. Mr. Alexander Burnet.

Son to the minister of Monymusk. Mr. William Simsone is now schoolmaster at Dalkeith. The Principal admits Burnet "in obedience to a change of horn-ing," and under protest. Professors Bower and G. Gordon had brought an action for right to vote in elections in the Court of Session, which has been decided in their favour (Interlocutors, 9th November, 21st December, and 23rd January). But the Principal had appealed to the House of Lords. See under "Subprincipals," 1742.

1715, April 26. Mr. Richard Gordon.

"Was elected a Regent 26th April, 1715, and admitted the 30th. (Mentioned 1st October, 1716, Min.) Note—he was graduated Master of Arts in the forenoon by the Principal." *Gordon*. These minutes are not now extant. Deposed by Commission, 1717.

1717, November 22. Mr. John Ker.

In place of Dr. James Urquhart, deposed.

¹1711, February 5. Mr. William Smith, Regent in Marischal College: in place of Mr. William Black; without a program. Mr. Smith declines 19th February.

"Edinburgh the fourth day of February M vic and nyntie-five yeares.

"The commission of parliament appointed for visiting universities, colledges, and schooles, doe hereby enact and declare that no master or regent, who hereafter shall be transported from one college to another, shall be subject or lyable to undergoe the tryall appointed by an former act of the commission, dated the twenty-seventh day of September M vic and nyntie yeares, notwithstanding therof."

1717, November 22. Mr. Daniel Bradfut.

In place of Mr. Richard Gordon, deposed. Ker and Bradfut were admitted by Principal Chalmers, Subprincipal Fraser, Professors Anderson, Alex. Gordon, Burnet, and George Gordon. Urquhart and Richard Gordon compeared and protested.

1717, December 2. Mr. John Ker, Professor of Greek.

In place of Mr. Alexander Fraser, "at which tyme ther was not a Rector and Assessors in being". Approved by Rectoral Court, 29th April, 1719. Afterward Professor of Humanity, Edinburgh.

1732, August 25. Mr. Alexander Rait.

Colleague to Mr. A. Fraser, Subprincipal, for teaching purposes only. See also under "Professors of Mathematics".

1734. August 8. Mr. Alexander Rait.

Regent, in place of Mr. John Ker, demitted; but took Magistrand Class. Died 20th October, 1751.

1734, August 8. Mr. Daniel Bradfut, Professor of Greek.

Previously Regent only: to be Regent and Professor of Greek, in place of Ker. Died 4th April, 1754.

1734, September 9. Mr. Thomas Gordon.

Colleague to Mr. A. Fraser, for teaching purposes, in place of Rait. Previously Librarian. See under "Humanists," 1739.

1740, November 3. Mr. John Chalmers.

Preacher of the Gospel; son to Rev. Mr. Alex. Chalmers, minister of Marnoch. Colleague to Mr. A. Fraser, for teaching purposes, in place of Gordon, now Humanist.

1742, January 20. Mr. John Chalmers.

Regent: in place of Mr. Alex. Burnet, now Subprincipal. See under "Principals," 1746.

1746, June 3. Dr. John Gregory.

Brother of the Mediciner, in place of Mr. John Chalmers. See under "Mediciners," 1755.

1748, June 13. Mr. Roderick M'Leod.

Colleague to Dr. John Gregory. "Very nearly connected with some of the most considerable families in the Highlands, from which the College have allways drawn a great many students as often as any of their professors were of that country."

1749, September 8. Mr. Roderick M'Leod.

Regent: in place of Dr. John Gregory, demitted. See under "Subprincipals," 1764.

1751, October 25. Mr. Thomas Reid.

Previously Librarian, Marischal College, and minister at New Machar: in place of Mr. Rait, deceased. Married Elizabeth Reid, and had issue (alive in

1751), Jean, Margaret, Martha and Ann; also (born subsequently) George, Lewis, David. Demitted 30th October, 1764, on appointment to Chair of Moral Philosophy in Glasgow.

1754, April 29. Mr. John Leslie, Professor of Greek.

Late Tutor to Lord Aberdeen. Married, 1st, 4th June, 1755, Christian Fraser, and had issue, John, Hugh, Isobel, Christian; 2nd, 30th April, 1764, Helen Ker, and had issue, John, Grisel, Helen, Jean, Margaret. Died 24th May, 1790. Portrait in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1761, November 25. Mr. William Ogilvie.

Colleague to Mr. Burnet, with assurance of being "chosen into the first vacant office that might happen of a Regent's place".

1764, November 5. Mr. Alexander Burnet.

Demits the office of Subprincipal, and is admitted to the Regency vacant through the appointment of Dr. Reid to the Chair of Moral Philosophy in Glasgow.

1764, November 5. Mr. William Ogilvie.

Regent: in place of Roderick Macleod, now Subprincipal. See under "Humanists".

1765, March 27. Mr. James Dunbar.

"Son of Dunbar of Boath." Colleague to Mr. Burnet.

1765, September 3. Mr. Thomas Gordon.

Exchanging offices with William Ogilvie.

1766, March. Mr. James Dunbar.

In place of Mr. Burnet, deceased. Resigned 11th April, 1794.

1788, May 8. Mr. Robert Eden Scott.

Colleague to his grandfather, Thomas Gordon. 18th March, 1789. To take Mr. Leslie's duties next winter. Resigned his successorship 15th April, 1796.

1790, June 21. Dr. Gilbert Gerard, Professor of Greek.

Minister of the English Established Church at Amsterdam. Mr. Scott taught the Greek class next Session (17th August). See under "Professors of Divinity".

1794, April 11. Dr. William Jack.

In place of Dr. Dunbar, demitted.

1796, May 2. Mr. Robert Eden Scott.

To fill vacant Regency.

1796, May 2. Mr. Thomas Gordon, Professor of Greek.

Previously Regent only: in place of Dr. Gerard, demitted.

1796, November 7. Mr. William Paul, Preacher of the Gospel, to teach Greek class for Professor Gordon, who died 11th March, 1797, having held College Offices for 65 years.

Married, 1st, 18th October, 1742, Lilly Forbes; and had issue (alive in 1749), Elizabeth (m. Mr. John Scott, Rector of Durham, Maryland). Margaret, Ann,

Diana, and (born subsequently) Alexander Harry. 2nd, 28th May, 1772. Elizabeth Innes, widow of Mr. James Walker, minister of Peterhead. Portrait in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1797, April 8. Dr. Hugh Macpherson, Professor of Greek.

Previously Professor of Hebrew. In place of Mr. Thomas Gordon, deceased.

1824, January 27. Mr. Campbell was appointed to teach the class during Dr. Macpherson's illness.

1844, October 31. On account of Dr. Macpherson's state of health, Mr. Davidson was appointed to teach the Greek class during ensuing Session.

1845, October 25. Thomas Lockyer Williams, B.A., Cantab.

1846, October 29. Alfred Robinson, B.A., Cantab.

1847, September 11. Norman Macpherson, M.A. This appointment was carried by the casting vote of the Principal, and was protested against by Professors Scott, Fyfe and Thomson.

1848, October 5. Archibald Hamilton Bryce, of Belfast College. On 5th September, the Senatus requested Dr. Macpherson not again to nominate his son, Norman, as it was understood he intended to do.

1849, October 13. Mr. Bryce reappointed.

1850, September 26. Mr. Bryce.

1851, November 1. Mr. Bryce.

— December 6. Alexander Cameron, M.A., in place of Mr. Bryce, resigned.

1852, September 11. Mr. Cameron reappointed.

1853, October 19. Mr. Cameron.

Dr. Macpherson died 12th March, 1854, having held College Offices for 61 years.

1798, March 2. Classes for next Session rearranged thus :—

Semis (Mr. Scott's), to be taught by Subprincipal Macleod.

Tertians (Mr. Macleod's), „ Mr. Scott.

Magistrands, „ Dr. Jack.

1799, March 16. Same arrangement approved for next Session.

1800, June 12. Dr. William Jack, Professor of Mathematics.

Mr. Robert Eden Scott, Professor of Moral Philosophy.

Permanently attached to the Semi and Magstrand classes, with titles as above. "But in regard it might be disadvantageous, and attended with inconvenience, in many instances, that the teaching Regents should be thus unalterably fixed to certain departments, it is understood that, in future, when a vacancy or vacancies occur in any of the four classes, the Regents who remain shall, with the approbation of the Society, have the option by seniority of shifting to the class or classes vacant at the time, as may be more agreeable to them, and most conducive to promote the interests of education in this University." Mr. Scott married, 19th February, 1797, Rachel Forbes; and died 14th January, 1811. Author of *Elements of Rhetoric*, 1802; *Elements of Intellectual Philosophy*, 1805. Portrait in possession of the University.

1800, July 11. William Duncan, A.M., Professor of Natural Philosophy.

"Who has for many years taught Mathematics in Aberdeen with the greatest success." Elected, in place of Dr. Macleod, now Principal, "Regent and Professor of Natural Philosophy," to be attached to the Tertian class. 12th June, Dr. Gerard had proposed Dr. Andrew Mackay, who was supported by Dr. Daune, Sir Alex. Bannerman and Dr. Jack; and Mr. Scott had proposed Professor Copeland, of Marischal College, who was supported by Mr. Ogilvie, Dr. Macpherson and Mr. Bentley: whereupon the Principal gave his casting vote for Professor Copeland—a proceeding protested against by the supporters of Dr. Mackay, but upheld by Counsel (see under "Subprincipals," 10th June). Professor Copeland, however, declined to accept. (Minute of 5th July.) On 22nd September, Mr. William Paul, "who formerly taught the Greek class for the late Prof. Gordon," was appointed to teach the Natural Philosophy class for next Session, "on account of the unsettled state of the professorship": reappointed 8th July, 1801, Dr. Mackay having instituted a process of reduction and declarator before the Court of Session. On 11th October, 1802, Mr. Wright was appointed for same purpose.

1811, January 30. Dr. William Jack, Professor of Moral Philosophy.

In place of Mr. Scott, deceased (under Minute of June 12, 1800). See under "Principals".

William Duncan, Professor of Mathematics.

In place of Dr. Jack. Married, 21st February, 1781, Elizabeth Forbes. Died 20th July, 1815.

William Paul, Professor of Natural Philosophy.

Mr. Paul, minister of Maryculter, had been appointed on 22nd January to teach Mr. Duncan's class during his illness. Married, 13th August, 1802, Isabel Hutcheon, and had issue (alive in 1812), Mary, William, Catharine Forbes, Robert and Isobel; and (born subsequently) David Hutcheon and John. Died 3rd March, 1834.

1811, July 9. John Tulloch, M.A.

"For several years a respectable teacher in the Academy of Inverness." Con-junct Professor of Mathematics, with Mr. Duncan. LL.D., 1847. Died, un-married, 4th May, 1851.

1817, May 31. Dr. Daniel Dewar, Professor of Moral Philosophy.

Minister in the College Church of Greyfriars. The Principal (Jack) had taught the class during last two Sessions.

1819, September 4. Andrew Alexander, M.A., Professor of Moral Philosophy.

In place of Dr. Dewar, now minister of the Tron Church, Glasgow.

1820, October 24. Dr. John Lee, Professor of Moral Philosophy.

In place of Mr. Alexander, now Professor of Greek, S. Andrews; Professor of Church History, S. Andrews. The Principal proposed the Rev. Robert

Brown, but this was not seconded. On December 18, Dr. Lee expressed a wish to resign "in consequence of some very embarrassing circumstances"; but he withdrew this resignation, on the Senatus allowing him to appoint a substitute for the remainder of the Session. Mr. Alexander Simpson, preacher of the Gospel, was approved for this post, 29th December.

1821, August 4. Hercules Scott, M.A., Professor of Moral Philosophy.

Preacher of the Gospel and son of the minister of Benholm; in place of Dr. Lee, resigned. For the first time, the names of other candidates are given: William Fleming, James Brewster, Hugh Murray, Richard Taylor.

1832, February 14. Mr. Taylor appointed to teach the class during Mr. Scott's illness.

1850, November 5. Rev. Ross appointed, on account of Dr. Scott's state of health, to teach the Magstrand class during ensuing Session.

1851, November 1. Peter Keay, do.

1852, September 11. Robert Ross, M.A.

1853, October 19. Mr. Ross reappointed.

1854, August 3. John Fyfe, M.A.

1855-59. Mr. Fyfe reappointed annually.

LL.D., 1847. Married, 12th May, 1829, Jane, second daughter of Rev. Professor Mearns; and had issue, Elizabeth, Isabella Ogilvy, Thomas Alexander, Amelia Jane, Helen, Duncan Mearns.

1834, March 31. Dr. John Fleming, Professor of Natural Philosophy.

Minister of Flisk, Clackmannan, in place of Mr. Paul, deceased. By a majority, the Principal proposing Sir David Brewster, and Mr. Bentley proposing Mr. James Robertson. The Principal claimed the right of subjecting the presentee to strict examination in his qualifications before granting admission; but (June 27), on receipt of voluntary testimony from Sir D. Brewster describing Dr. Fleming as "the most distinguished Naturalist in Great Britain," and as having "a sufficient acquaintance with Natural Philosophy," he expressed himself satisfied. Professors Mearns, Macpherson, Forbes, Davidson, Scott and Tulloch protest against the Principal's claim as unfounded. Dr. Fleming was appointed to Chair of Natural Science in New College, Edinburgh, in 1845: author of various scientific works. On 4th January, 1834, Mr. Taylor had been appointed to teach the Magstrand class during Mr. Paul's illness. Married, 15th March, 1813, Melville Christie; and had issue (alive in 1835), Andrew.

1845, October 10. David Thomson, M.A., Professor of Natural Philosophy.

Assistant Professor of Natural Philosophy, Glasgow. See under "Sub-principals".

1851, June 2. Frederick Fuller, M.A., Professor of Mathematics.

Fellow and Tutor of S. Peter's College, Cambridge: in place of Dr. Tulloch, who died 4th May. Proposed by Principal, and supported by Professors Davidson, Thomson and A. Scott. Alexander Maclaren, M.A., Dundee Academy, was

proposed by Dr. Mearns, and supported by Professors Mearns, H. Scott, Fyfe and Ferguson. The Principal gave his casting vote for Mr. Fuller. Married, 15th June, 1854, Ann Mary, eldest daughter of Rev. Robert Smith, D.D., minister of Old Machar; and had issue, Frederick, Arthur Robert, Mary Jane, Edith Frances, Margaret, Annie Christina. LL.D., Aberd., 1883.

1854, June 10. Peter Colin Campbell, M.A., Professor of Greek.

Minister of Caputh, in place of Dr. Hugh Macpherson. Proposed by Professor A. Scott, and supported by Professors Macpherson, H. Scott, Davidson and Fyfe. William Young Sellar, M.A., was proposed by Professor Thomson, and seconded by Professor Fuller. See under "Principals".

1855, October 22. William Duguid Geddes, M.A., Professor of Greek.

Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen; Professor of Greek in the University of Aberdeen at the Union, 1860; and Principal, 1885; LL.D., Edinburgh, 1876; Knighted, 1892. Married, 28th April, 1859, Rachel Robertson, daughter of the late William White, Aberdeen, and has issue, Rachel Blanche (m. 23rd June, 1887, John Harrower, M.A., Professor of Greek).

PROFESSORS OF DIVINITY.¹

1620, April 27. Mr. John Forbes.

Second son of Bishop Patrick Forbes. D.D. at same time. See his inaugural theses, *De Libero Arbitrio* and *De Sacramentis*: Edinburgh, 1620. Rector, 30th June, 1634. Became minister of third charge, Aberdeen, 1634. Collected edition of his works, and Life edited by his successor, James Garden. Amst., 1702.

1634, December 30. Mr. Andrew Strachan.

Previously Regent. D.D. on same day. See his inaugural thesis, *De Natura et Objecto Religiosi*: Aberdeen, 1634. "Lived little above a year after his instalment. . . . Dr. Forbes was chosen again." *Middleton*.

¹ Under the early foundations the Principal had to be a graduate in Divinity, and to lecture on Theology every lawful day. The Commissioners of Visitation of 1619 reported "that the principall [Rait] had not acquytit himself in teaching as is prescryvit by the fundatioun, as haifing the yeir preceeding taught no thing but sum few preceptis of the Hebrew gramer and for practise thair of onlie the first psalme". (O. C., xxiii. 4.) As an outcome of this report, Bishop Patrick Forbes, Chancellor of the University, and one of the Commissioners of Visitation, in the same year, 1619, induced the Moderators of the Presbyteries within the Diocese of Aberdeen to unite with him in founding a Professorship of Divinity in the University; endowing it with 10,000 merks Scots, and retaining the patronage in their own hands. (Pref. to Prof. John Forbes' *Theses*, 1620; and Contract of Sale of Cairntradlin, O. C., lii. 12.) In 1626, the money was invested in the purchase from William Forbes of Cragievar, of the lands of Cairntradlin; and, in 1642, a charter under the great seal confirmed the said lands to Professor Adam Barclay and his successors in the Chair; and prescribed the mode of election of future professors, which is still adhered to:—

"Videlicet ut Professor omni tempore affuturo eligetur vir omni virtutis genere imbutus et qualificatus tam respectu vitae tam doctrinae ubi reperiri possit sine ullo alio respectu habito ad eius generationem locum residentiae vel educationis: Inquisitores vel examinatores, electores et admissores dicti professoris omni tempore affuturo (quandocunque vacabitulocus) erunt, viz., Moderator synodi provincialis Aberdoniae, cum duobus commissionariis ab unoquoque presbyterio ejusdem ad hunc effectum ab iisdem presbyteriis eligendis, cumque primario Academiae et Universitatis Veteris Aberdoniae pro tempore, una cum altera persona collegiata dictae Academiae et Universitatis, a caeteris collegiatis personis ejusdem eligendar et decano facultatis theologiae dictae Academiae et Universitatis Veteris Aberdoniae, vel uno alio virute praeditissimo ejusdem facultatis, ad hunc effectum ab eadem facultate eligendo: Et ut omnes personae antedictae habeant voces decisivas, et potestatem etiam

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Had succeeded to the family estate of Corse on the death of his father, 28th March, 1635. Deposed 20th April, 1641, "to the gryte greif of the youth and young students of theologie". In August, four candidates are "listed" for the place: Mr. Alexander Seytoun, Banff; Mr. John Seytoun, Kemnay; Mr. George Leith, Culsalmond; Mr. William Douglas, Forgue. But no appointment is made. *Spalding*, II. 17, 57.

1642. Mr. Adam² Barclay.

Mr. Barclay is styled professor in the Crown Charter on Cairntradlin, 12th March, 1642; but apparently declined to accept office. (*Fasti Eccl. Scot.*, III. 546.) Minister of Alford.

1643. Mr. William Douglas.

Minister of Forgue. Appointed by General Assembly in place of Dr. Forbes. Professor in 1644, when Dr. John Forbes mortifies to him and his successors in the chair "all and whole the part then possess by him of the house, being the south-west and north-west sides of the chaplains chambers, lyand within the

deprivandi eundem professorem, cum justa occasio sese contigerit; Et dicta professio incompatibilis erit cum aliquo alio officio in ecclesia, scola, vel republica; et si ita contigerit, tunc et in eo casu locus professionis ipso facto vacabit, et immediate post vacationem dictae professionis, ob quamcunque justam occasionem, dictus Moderator Synodi provincialis Aberdonensis, pro tempore, infra viginti dies immediate postea sequentes, congregabit, cum caeteris inquisitoribus vel examinadoribus et electoribus antedictis: quo vero deficiente, moderator presbyterii Aberdonensis; quo etiam deficiente, decanus facultatis dictae. Academiae et Universitatis congregabit cum dictis inquisitoribus vel examinadoribus et electoribus intra alios viginti dies; et locus in quo congregabunt erit templum Academiae et Universitatis nostrae Veteris Aberdoniae; et ibidem ordinabunt proclamationem edictorum fieri per omnes partes doctrina praeclaras intra dictum regnum nostrum Scotiae 'Viri literati et virtutibus imbuti invitantur, qui sese cupiunt offerre et examinationi pro eodem vacante loco subdicere, ut idem locus detur digniori et aptissimo': et dicti inquisitores vel examinadores, et electores antedicti, inquisitionem vel examinationem, et admissionem, cum omni instantia et diligentia prosequantur, uti Deo reddent rationem; et articuli inquisitionis vel examinationis erunt in particularibus subsequentibus, viz., Primo, de scientia dicti professoris in Hebraea et Graeca linguis, in quibus Sacrae Scripturae prius scribebantur: Secundo, ut habeat bonam et promptam Latinam dictionem: Tertio, ut bene versatus sit in ecclesiasticis et humanis historiis, in quantum conducent ad ejus professionem: Quarto, ut sit bene versatus in omnibus contraversionibus religionis, et ad hunc effectum, aliqua specialis contraversia religionis ei designetur a praedictis inquisitoribus vel examinadoribus, super quam exercitium dabit, et positiones ac disputationes sustinebit: Quinto, ut bene sit in philosophia exercitatus: Sexto, ut bene sit perlectus in Sacris Scripturis, et possit solvere omnia dubia ad easdem spectantia, sicut Deus easdem ipse revelavit: Et generaliter, ut possit omnibus inquisitoribus seu examinadoribus in omnibus punctis requisitis in tali professore satisfacere; et ut sit in fide integer, et ut possit sana doctrina repugnantes convincere." (O. C., lii. 18. Cf. Ordinance No. 12, § 10 of the Universities Commissioners of 1858.)

² Misprinted "Thomas" in *Fasti*, pp. lxxxviii. 157.

chanrie of Auld Aberdein, comprehending the pendit chalmer abowe the gryt yait, and the nixt chalmer, quherin there is ane kitchine, and the nixt chalmer therto, quhilk presentlie serveth him for ane hall, and nixt therto the west tour of the saids chaplanes chalmers . . . together with the adjoining old buildingis of two chalmers and the old gryt hall, with ane old pendit kitchin at the end of the said old hall, togidder also with the adjoining gardyne". (O. C., lii. 10.) Died 3rd January, 1666 (gravestone, Old Machar Churchyard).

1674, August 11. Mr. Henry Scougal.

Son of Bishop Patrick Scougal. Previously Regent, and for one year minister of Auchterless. See his inaugural thesis, *De Objecto Cultus Religiosi*: Aberdeen, 1674. Died 13th June, 1678. Portrait in possession of University, reproduced in Rev. Dr. Cooper's edition of his *Life of God in the Soul of Man*.

1678, October 10. Mr. John Menzies.

Minister of Greyfriars and Professor of Divinity, Mar. Coll. Elected by unanimous vote of the Synod, on nomination by the Bishop—such method of election "in no wayes to be a preparative in any time coming". (Synod Min.)

1680, October 14. Mr. James Garden.

"Thorow the translation of Mr. John Menzies to the professor of divinitie in New Aberdeine." (Synod Min.) Selected by the Bishop from a leet of three prepared by the Synod. The others were Mr. William Meldrum, minister in Edinburgh, and Mr. Robert Bruce, minister of Old Deer. Minister of Balmerino. See his inaugural thesis, *De Gratiae Efficacia*: Aberdeen, 1681. Deposed from his office by a Parliamentary Commission, 25th January, 1697. (*Fasti*, p. 379.) "Afterwards he lived peaceably and quietly, serving God in his own family. At last he died in Old Aberdeen, April 8, 1726, about the 80th year of his age, and was interred upon the 11th day of the said April, in S. Machar's Churchyard, near to the South-East dyke thereof, opposite to Dr. Middleton's brick house, which stands at the East end of Bishop Gavin Dunbar's isle." *Orem*.

169— Mr. Charles Gordon.

Professor in 169⁸, at date of William III.'s grant. (See under "Professors of Hebrew".)

1701, May 8. The masters nominate the Subprincipal (Mr. George Fraser) and the Professor of Hebrew (Mr. George Gordon: Dean of Faculty of Divinity for one year) delegates for election of a Professor of Divinity. Mr. Thomas Hoog is chosen.

1703, April 14. Mr. Hoog having "utterly declined," the masters nominate the Humanist (Mr. Alexander Gordon) and the Professor of Hebrew (Dean of Faculty of Divinity for one year) delegates for the same purpose.

1704, December 14. Mr. George Anderson.

Minister of Tarves. See his inaugural thesis, *De Efficacia Mortis Christi*: Aberdeen, 1704. On 22nd May, the Civilist (Mr. John Gordon), and the Professor of Hebrew (Dean of Faculty of Divinity for one year) had been nominated by the masters delegates for the election.

1711, February 7. Mr. David Anderson.

Minister of Foveran. See his inaugural thesis, *De Peccato Originali*: Aberdeen, 1711. On 1st May, 1710, the Humanist had been nominated a delegate for the election. Died 13th February, 1733. Portrait in possession of the University.

1716, August 22. By interlocutor of 11th July, the Lords of Session found Mr. David Anderson, Professor of Divinity, entitled to be called to all College meetings, and to vote in elections of members.

1733, March 12. The Synod asks the masters to appoint delegates for a new election: but they decline, on the ground that the "viginti dies" of the Charter had expired on 5th March. The other delegates, however, on 26th April, elect Mr. James Gordon, minister of Alford.

1733, June 12. The masters nominate Professor John Ker and Professor James Chalmers, Marischal College (Dean of Faculty of Divinity), as delegates, to take part in an action for reduction of Mr. Gordon's election. On 20th December, the Court of Session rejects his claim to the chair, a decision affirmed on appeal by the House of Lords, 14th March, 1734. (Paton's *Appeal Cases*, VI. 663.)

1735, July 11. They nominate the Professor of Hebrew and Professor James Chalmers delegates for a new election.

1735, October 14. Mr. John Lumsden.

Minister of Banchory Devenick. Married, 20th November, 1723, Jean Lesly; and had issue (alive in 1749), Jean, Agnes, Henrietta (m. Patrick Duff, minister of Old Machar), Alexander and Teresa. Died 2nd July, 1770.

1771, June 19. Dr. Alexander Gerard.

Professor of Divinity, Marischal College. On 17th July, 1770, the Subprincipal (Mr. Roderick Macleod) and Mr. Alexander Temple, minister of Newhills (in place of Dean of Faculty of Divinity), had been nominated delegates for a new election. Married, 14th June, 1757, Jane Wight; and had issue (alive in 1786), Marjory (m. Patrick Cruickshank of Stracathro), Gilbert, Alexander, John, Jane and Margaret Helen (m. James Cruickshank of Langley Park). Died 22nd February, 1795. Author of *Essay on Taste*, 1759, and other critical works. Portrait in possession of University; and in Kay's plate of the "Sapient Septemviri".

1795, July 9. Dr. Gilbert Gerard.

Professor of Greek: "elected by a plurality of votes". The only other candidate was Mr. Gavin Mitchell, minister of Kinellar. The University representatives on the Examining Board were the Principal, Dr. Dauney and Rev. James Hogg, minister of Skene, in place of a Dean of the Faculty of Theology. Dr. Gerard did not demit his Regency till 14th April, 1796. Married, 3rd October, 1787, Helen Duncan; and had issue (alive in 1791), John Duncan and Jane; and (born subsequently) Alexander, James Gilbert, Patrick, Margaret Helen, Marjory Cruickshank, William, Euphemia Elizabeth and Helen Jane. Died 28th September, 1815. Portrait in possession of the University.

1816, December 7. Rev. Duncan Mearns.

Minister of Tarves. The other candidates were Rev. John Love, minister of the Chapel of Ease at Anderston, and Mr. Alexander Black, preacher of the Gospel in Aberdeen, afterwards Professor of Divinity in Marischal College. The University representatives were the Principal, Professor Bentley and Rev. George Morison, minister of Nether Banchory, in place of a Dean of the Faculty of Theology. The minutes of election are imperfect. Married, 11th August, 1808, Elizabeth Forsyth; and had issue (alive in 1822), Anne, Jane, Alexander, William, Isabel, Margaret. Died 2nd March, 1852. Author of *Principles of Christian Evidence*, *Institutes of Biblical Criticism*, etc.

1852, June 25. Rev. Robert Macpherson.

Minister of Forres. D.D., July 1. The only other candidate was Rev. Samuel Trail, minister of Harray and Birsay (who was appointed to the chair in 1867). Three others had given in their names: Rev. Charles Dickson, minister of Whaumphray; Rev. Dr. James Forsyth, minister of West Parish, Aberdeen; and Rev. Lewis Rose, minister of Tain; but Mr. Dickson withdrew his application because of ill-health, and Dr. Forsyth and Mr. Rose declined to submit to examination. The University representatives were the Principal, Professor Ferguson and Professor Andrew Scott. Married, 4th April, 1836, Anne Mearns; and had issue (alive in 1854), Duncan, George Morison, William Mearns, Eliza, Isabella, Anne, Robert and James Rose. Died 1867. Author of *The Perpetual Obligation of the Revealed Law*, *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*, etc.

PROFESSORS OF HEBREW.

1673, August 22. Mr. Patrick Gordon.

"The said day, the masters and members forsaide taking into their serious consideration the great loss and prejudice quhich the students and church of God does sustain thorow wanting of teaching and instructing the youth in the Hebrew and other orientall tongues, does unanimously think fit, and by thir presents orders and ordaines that in tyme comeing ther be ane profession of the said orientall tongues in the said colledge, and that by the advyce and consent of the right reverend father in God Patrick [Scougal] lord bishop of Aberdene chancellor of the said colledge and universitie; as also the forsaid masters and members being sufficiently convinced of the abilities and qualifications of Mr. Patrick Gordon humanist for exerceing and discharging the dueties of the said profession doe unanimsly nominat and elect him to be professor of the Hebrew and other orientall tongues in the said colledge dureing all the dayes of his lyfytyme; and for his pains and salarie in the exercise of the said function, it is recommended to the principall and remanent members to consider upon the colledge rents, that they may have ther thoughts mature and ripe befor the downsitting of the colledge next, for determineing and measuring out the quota of the proportion thereof allowable to him both at his entrie and for the future." 300 merks Scots assigned as salary, 29th December, 1674. See under "Humanists".

1693, March 1. Mr. George Gordon.

See Minute of 23rd February, 1719. "Born 23rd May, 1673; 12th September, 1705, married Margaret, daughter of Mr. George Fraser." *Gordon*. She died 20th November, 1753. "William by the grace of God king of Great Brittain France and Ireland, defender of the faith, to all our subjects whom it effeirs: Forasmuch as we, considering that by a signature under our royall hand dated the 29th Aprile 1695 years, did, for the advancement of learning and religion, mortifie and dispoine in favours of the principall proffessors and masters of the university of Aberdeen the soume of £300 sterling yearly, to be uplifted out of the rents and revenues of the bishopricks of our kingdom, faln in our hands by the abolition of Episcopacy . . . and being also informed that a part of the said pounds may be more usefully bestowed for the ends aforesaid, as a salary to a proffessor of the orientall languages, for his encouragement to teach the same in the said university; therefor witt ye us to have allocat . . . the remaining soume of 1200 merks thereof to be settled on Mr. George Gordon (to whom

we have granted a presentation to be professor of the orientall languages of the forsaid university of Aberdeen) and that as a yearly fee and sallary to him for teaching and professing the saids languages." Grant by King William III., 1st March, 169⁸; confirmed by subsequent grant of 30th November, 1699. As to rights of Professors of Hebrew in elections, see *ante*, p. 61.

1730, December 28. Mr. George Gordon, younger.

In place of his father, deceased. By patent under privy seal. "Born 23rd December, 1711." *Gordon*. Married, 18th September, 1741, Elizabeth Forbes. Died 5th February, 1767.

1767, May 25. Mr. John Ross.

Tutor to Lord Deskford, son of the Earl of Findlater, then Chancellor of the University.

1790, June 21. Mr. Alexander Bell.

In place of Mr. John Ross, demitted. Died, unmarried, 11th April, 1793.

1793, August 8. Mr. Hugh Macpherson.

In place of Mr. Alexander Bell, deceased. On 4th October the new professor is granted "leave to go for this winter to London in order he qualify himself more properly for the discharge of his office". Mr. Gordon undertakes to perform his duties. Afterwards Regent, Professor of Greek and Subprincipal.

1798, September 21. Mr. James Bentley.

In place of Mr. Hugh Macpherson, now Professor of Greek. On 26th December, 1803, Mr. Maclachlan was appointed to do Mr. Bentley's work during his absence in London. Married, 26th October, 1809, Isabella Dingwall For-dyce; and had issue, Janet and Ruth. Died August, 1846.

1847, February 4. Mr. Andrew Scott.

In 1860 became Professor of Hebrew in the University of Aberdeen. Died, unmarried, 1870.

PROFESSORS OF MATHEMATICS.

1703, May 4. Mr. Thomas Bowar.

"The principall and remanent masters takeing to their serious consideration how much it may be for the advancement of learneing and interest of the said University that the Mathematicks should be professed and taught therein" appoint Mr. Bowar at a salary of two hundred merks Scots with a seat at the College table. He obtains leave to go to Edinburgh, 5th July. Returns 27th November, 1704. Goes to London, 6th October, 1705. "John Gordon, provost of Aberdeen, finds fault with Mr. George Liddel, professor of mathematicks in the Marischal College, turned him out of his post, and caused affix an edict upon the most patent door of the said college gate, inviting all men to come and dispute for the said Mr. Liddel's post, assuring them of *detur digniori*. But the said Mr. Liddel applied to the King's advocate, who assured him of the post; so that there was no diet appointed for the dispute. One Dr. Thomas Bower came from London to dispute for it; being disappointed, he protested against the magistrates of Aberdeen, for cost, skaith, and damage, etc. Thereafter, he applied to the Scots parliament holden at Edinburgh, anno 1707; and got 40*l.* fixed upon the town of Aberdeen, and 10*l.* sterling upon the town of Kirkaldie, to be professor of mathematicks in the King's College of Aberdeen. At that time the magistrates of Aberdeen were seeking a gift of the pennies, and said, They would be content to pay Dr. Bower the said 40*l.* if the parliament would give them the Old Town, Seaton and Spital, which was granted them. And so they fixed 40*l.* sterling on these towns. But the inhabitants of Old Aberdeen complained much for laying such a taxation on them, having never had pennies formerly. And, to free the inhabitants and brewers of Old Aberdeen from being troubled with New Aberdeen collectors of the pennies, the magistrates of Old Aberdeen, *viz.*: Mr. Alexander Fraser, regent at the King's College, Mr. William Gordon, Kintore, William Baxter and Alexander Troup, engaged and contracted with the magistrates of New Aberdeen, to pay them yearly the said 40*l.*; but this contract they made allenarly of themselves, without consent of the town or council of Old Aberdeen. But afterwards, the Old Town brewers suspended them, because Dr. Bower was gone to London, and did not officiate here in the said College as professor of mathematicks. Yet, notwithstanding the aforesaid magistrates of Old Aberdeen, who made this contract with the magistrates of New Aberdeen, without consent aforesaid, dismissed the suspension, and made them liable, by a decree of the Lords of

Session, to pay the yearly pennies and expences. At last, anno 1717, Dr. Bower demitted; whereupon the town of New Aberdeen's collectors discharged the magistrates of Old Aberdeen of the said contract and pennies (which they paid yearly to them before the said Dr. Bower's dismissal), July, 1719." *Orem.* "Dr. Thomas Bower had been nominated by the College as Professor of Mathematics, having been serviceable to the Scots Parliament in calculations relating to the equivalent; upon which account they recommended him to Queen Ann. . . . Admitted May, 1707 [Minute not now extant]. . . . The mathematical class having turned to little account, after a few years' trial, Dr. Bower returned to London and abandoned his charge, at first without formally resigning it. But afterwards he resigned it anno 1717, and the Magistrates of New Aberdeen discharged the above contract, anno 1719. Dr. Thomas Bower died at London, and was buried in Chelsea churchyard, where there is a grave-stone with an inscription over him." *Gordon.*

1732, October 31. Mr. Alexander Rait.

Assistant to the Subprincipal, "had for some years after he commenced Master of Arts [17—] taught Mathematicks privatly in this College with great approbation . . . to profess and teach Mathematicks both publickly and privatly in the said College".

[See under "Regents," 1800.]

MURRAY LECTURERS.¹

1824, October 30. Professor Mearns.

Professor Paul.

Professor Forbes.

Professor Scott.

Two lectures published: *On the Knowledge Requisite for the Attainment of Eternal Life*. By Professor Mearns, 1825.

1825, April 1. Professor Mearns.

Professor Paul.

Professor Forbes.

Professor Scott.

Lectures [?]

¹ The following entries are taken from the Minute Book of the Murray Trustees. See also *Scottish Notes and Queries*, I. 135, 155; III. 44, 45; V. 9; VI. 157. Alexander Murray, M.A., 1746; D.D., 1784; died at Philadelphia, 14th September, 1793, having by will, dated 6th September, bequeathed the residue of his estate (subject to his widow's liferent) "to my venerable cousin, the Rev. Dr. John Chalmers, and to the four Regents and Professors of my Alma Mater, the King's College and University of Aberdeen, in Scotland, and to their successors in office, for the encouragement, in the first place, of a clergyman to preach a course of lectures in the College Church on Sunday mornings, in the time of their Winter Sessions, on such subjects as they think fitted to tincture their students with just and liberal notions of pure and undefiled religion and virtue, without descending to party distinctions and controversy. This donation is also intended to remove, in some measure, the uncommon grievance and indecorum of their processions to their parish church in an inclement season. In this more unprejudiced critical age, it were to be wished that the famous Seminary would agree upon a form of public prayers and worship, with or without responses and instrumental music, to be used at these lectures, as is common in all other countries, to inure youth to the greater solemnity and order. . . . Two of the lectures at least I appoint to be printed, published and presented to the Trustees by the Lecturer every year." Mrs. Murray died 28th May, 1811. On 26th October, the Senatus agreed to appoint Mr. Paul lecturer, but he declined to act, 9th November, owing to differences of opinion in that body. Some doubt having arisen as to whether Dr. Murray intended the non-Regent Professors to act as Trustees, the question was submitted to Mr. Moir of Scotstoun as arbitrator, who decided in the negative. After considerable delays, owing in great measure to the strained relations between this country and the United States, the amount of the bequest was placed in the hands of the Trustees, yielding an annual income of about £190. The lecturers appointed during the first two Sessions had no salary, the money being placed at the disposal of the Senatus for the repair of the buildings.

- 1826, April 8. George Gordon M'Lean, M.A., 1812; M.D., 1819.
Professor of Oriental Languages in Marischal College, 1835-60. Salary, £120.
Lectures [?]
- 1827, April 26. John Cruickshank, M.A., 1821.
Minister of Turriff, 1850; D.D., 1866.
David Williamson, M.A., 1822.
Appointed joint lecturers, "on account of the youth and inexperience of the lecturers, with no intention of considering it as a precedent".
Lectures: *On the Superiority of the Gospel Information regarding the Divine Nature.* By John Cruickshank. *On the Connection between the Jewish and Christian Dispensations.* By David Williamson, 1828.
- 1828, May 15. William Lillie, M.A., 1820.
Minister of Wick, 1844; D.D., 1857.
Duncan Robertson, M.A., 1820.
Lectures: *On the Futility of all Attempts to furnish an adequate Scheme of Religion without the Assistance of Revelation.* By William Lillie, 1828. *A Statement of the Leading Causes of the Jews' Opposition to the Gospel.* By Duncan Robertson, 1829.
- 1829, March 30. William Lillie.
George Tulloch, M.A., 1830.
Of class 1820. Afterwards headmaster of Bellevue House Academy. LL.D., 1847.
Lectures: *On the Reasonableness of Christianity.* By William Lillie, 1830.
And [?]
- 1830, March 27. George Tulloch.
Alexander Taylor, M.A., 1825.
Minister of Leochel Cushnie, 1839. D.D., 1855.
Lectures: *On the Parables of Our Lord.* By George Tulloch, 1831. *On Prophecy.* By Alexander Taylor, 1831.
- 1831, March 28. Alexander Taylor.
Robert Simpson, M.A., 1815.
Minister of Kintore, 1833. Joined F. C., 1843. D.D., 1856.
Lectures: *On the Prophecies delivered by Our Saviour.* By Alexander Taylor, 1832. *On the Nativity, Crucifixion and Ascension of Our Lord.* By Robert Simpson, 1832.
- 1832, April 6. Robert Simpson.
James Ingram, M.A., 1826.
Minister of Fala, 1844.
Lectures: *On the Early Progress of Christianity and the Preaching of the Apostles.* By Robert Simpson, 1833. *On the Epistle of Paul to the Romans.* By James Ingram, 1833.

1833, April 18. James Ingram.

Alexander Taylor.

Lectures: *On the Principles of Christian Morality.* By James Ingram, 1834. And [?]

1834, April 14. George Tulloch.

Robert Bremner, M.A., 1823.

Minister of Banff, 1845. LL.D., 1856. Author of *Travels in Russia.*

Lectures: *On the Progress of Christianity in Asia Minor and Greece.* By George Tulloch, 1835. *What has Christianity done for Mankind?* By Robert Bremner, 1835.

1835, May 13. William Henderson, M.A., 1822.

Afterwards minister of a Scotch Church at Newcastle, in New Brunswick.

Robert Macpherson, M.A., 1827.

Resigned on his being appointed chaplain at Fort-George. Professor of Divinity, 1852. Succeeded by

October 26. Peter Mackenzie, M.A., 1828.

Minister of Urquhart, Ross-shire, 1844. D.D., 1875. Moderator of General Assembly, 1884.

Lectures: *On the Freeness of the Gospel Plan of Salvation, and its Tendency to enforce the Practice of Holiness.* By William Henderson, 1836. *The Moral Character of the Christian Religion.* By Peter Mackenzie, 1836.

1836, April 2. William Henderson.

Peter Mackenzie.

Lectures: *On the Danger of Unbelief.* By William Henderson, 1837. *On the Reasonable and Attractive Character of the Christian Religion.* By Peter Mackenzie, 1837.

1837, April 8. Alexander Taylor.

Donald Macdonald, M.A., 1830.

Minister of Inverness, 1842. D.D., 1850.

Lectures: *On the Miracles wrought by Our Saviour.* By Alexander Taylor, 1838. And [?]

1838, April 9. Alexander Taylor.

Donald Macdonald.

Lectures [?]

1839, April 11. James Greig, M.A., 1830.

Minister of Chapel of Garioch, 1843.

Adam Mitchell, M.A., 1843.

Rector of Grammar School, Old Aberdeen; minister of Inach, 1844.

Lectures: *On the Life and Character of St. Paul.* By James Greig, 1840. And [?]

1840, May 11. James Greig.

Adam Mitchell.

Lectures: *On the Life and Character of Balaam.* By James Greig, 1841.
And [?]

1841, April 2. John Morgan, M.A., 1827.

Minister of Lerwick, 1844.

Alexander Todd, M.A., 1835.

Lectures: *On the Typical Character of the Jewish Economy.* By John Morgan,
1843. *On the Third Commandment.* By Alexander Todd, 1842.

1842, April 23. John Morgan.

David Milne, M.A., 1830.

Resigned, on appointment to Parish School of Fintray. Succeeded by
June 21. Adam Mitchell.

Lectures: *On the Typical Character, etc., cont.* By John Morgan. And [?]

1843, April 13. Adam Mitchell.

Peter Clerihew, M.A., 1834.

Lectures [?]

1844. John Falconer, M.A., 1834.

Minister of New Byth, 1846. No minute of his election.

Lectures: *On the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians.* 1846.

1845, May 14. John Falconer.

Lectures [?]

1846, April 22. John Abel, M.A., 1841.

Minister of Forgue, 1849.

Lectures: *On the Exodus of the Israelites.* 1847.

1847. John Abel.

No minute of election.

Lectures: *On the History of Our Saviour.* 1848.

1848, April 22. John Abel.

Lectures [?]

1849, April 2. James Fraser, M.A., 1845.

Minister of S. Clement's, Aberdeen, 1850; afterwards of S. Michael's,
Dumfries. D.D., 1866.

Lectures [?]

1850, May 22. James Fraser.

Resigned, and was succeeded by

John Webster, M.A., 1843.

Minister of Strichen, 1852; Cramond, 1858. D.D., 1885.

Lectures: *On the Epistles to the Hebrews.* 1851.

1851, April 23. John Webster.

Lectures: *On the Parables.* 1852.

1852, April 1. George Gordon Milne, M.A., 1845.

Minister of Cortachy, 1858.

Lectures [?]

1853, April 1. George Gordon Milne.

Lectures: *On Sacrifice and Atonement*, n.d.

1854, April 7. John Rannie, M.A., 1845.

Parish schoolmaster, Coull. Afterwards minister of All Saints' Church, New Amsterdam.

Lectures: no title, 1855.

1855, August 3. John Rannie.

"With half of the salary . . . as was the practice previous to the year 1843[4]." Resigned, and was succeeded by

George McIrvine, M.A., 1849.

Parish schoolmaster of Aboyne. Afterwards civil chaplain, S. Louis, Mauritius.

October 1. Peter Colin Campbell, Principal.

"The meeting taking into consideration the great advantages which would be conferred on the students and others attending the College Chapel, by affording them the services of an ordained Minister of the Church, who, by his greater maturity of years and superior experience, might be expected to exercise greater influence on his hearers, conjointly with those of a probationer of the Church annually appointed as hitherto; and being of opinion that the Rev. P. C. Campbell, recently appointed Principal of the College, possessed all the qualifications requisite for securing this important object, resolved to appoint the said Mr. Campbell to hold, during his occupancy of the office of Principal, one of the Murray Lectureships."

Lectures: *Christ the Light of the World*. By George McIrvine, 1856. *Christ Our Advocate*. By Principal Campbell, 1860.

1856, May 17. Charles Macdonald, M.A., 1850.

Afterwards Professor of Mathematics, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia.

Principal Campbell.

"Doubts having been raised . . . as to the legality of his appointment as one of the Lecturers, on the ground of his being a trustee," he undertook the duties without salary. In 1860, however, he was paid all arrears. See Minutes of 1858 Commission, p. 154.

Lectures: *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*. By Charles Macdonald, 1857. *Idolatry and Christianity*. By Principal Campbell, 1860.

1857, June 26. Charles Macdonald.

Principal Campbell.

Lectures: *Divine Repentance*. By Charles Macdonald, 1858. *Obedience the Way to Faith and Knowledge*. By Principal Campbell, 1860.

1858, April 13. Charles Macdonald.
Principal Campbell.

Lectures : *The Unknown God*. By Charles Macdonald, 1859. *What to Desire and Expect from the Divine Goodness*. By Principal Campbell, 1860.

1859.¹ Charles Macdonald.
Principal Campbell.

No minute of election.

Lectures : *Labour*. By Charles Macdonald, 1860. *Watchfulness*. By Principal Campbell, 1860.

¹ The Scottish Universities Commissioners (1858) by an Ordinance (No. 6, Aberdeen, No. 2) constituted three Lectureships, under Dr. Murray's bequest, to be held respectively by the Professors of Systematic Theology, Church History and Biblical Criticism. This Ordinance was petitioned against by upwards of 200 graduates of King's College, and was disallowed by the Queen in Council, on the ground that fifty years had not elapsed since the death of Mrs. Murray. But the Commissioners subsequently obtained an Act of Parliament (25 and 26 Vict., Cap. 28), empowering them to alter the conditions affecting the bequest; and by a new Ordinance (No. 74, Aberdeen, No. 34), they re-enacted the scheme described above.

LECTURERS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL.¹

1818. Dr. Charles Skene, Lecturer on Anatomy.

Dr. William Dyce, Lecturer on Midwifery.

Dr. George Barclay, Lecturer on Surgery.

Dr. William Henderson, Lecturer on *Materia Medica*.

Previously recognised as lecturers by Marischal College (*Fasti Acad. Marischall.*, p. 524), and now by the joint school. See Mrs. Rodger's *Aberdeen Doctors*.

October 31. Dr. Alexander Ewing: Physiology.

1819, October 18. Dr. Robert White: Institutes of Medicine.

Resigns 29th June, 1820.

¹ The origin and nature of the joint Medical School is made clear by the following extract from the Minutes of King's College:—

“6th July, 1818.

“Said day the Medical Committee gave in their report, which was approved of, and the tenor whereof follows:—*Aberdeen*, May 16, 1818.—At a Meeting of the Committees of King's and Marischal Colleges, to arrange a plan for the establishment of a Medical School, held at Marischal College, 16th May, the following regulations were suggested, as most consistent with the constitution of the Colleges, and best adapted to promote the institution, which, under the joint patronage of the two Universities, may attain a greater character, and be more extensively useful, than it could if only supported by one of them.

“1. Both Universities to have equal power over the Medical School.

“2. Courses of Lectures to be given, during the Winter Session, on the following subjects:—Anatomy, Animal Economy, Surgery, Practice of Physic, Theory of Physic, *Materia Medica*, Clinical Medicine and Midwifery, and a course of Lectures on Botany during the Summer.

“3. Lecturers on these subjects to be appointed or confirmed before the ensuing Session, or when the state of the School shall be thought to require this nomination.

“4. As the appointment of the Lecturers by a general meeting of both Colleges, having no corporate capacity, might not be deemed valid by the separate Faculties, it is proposed that the nomination to the Lectureships shall belong alternately to each, neither appointing twice successively to the same Lectureship, and that the appointment thus made by one College shall be confirmed by the other; both Faculties entering a regulation in their minutes, binding themselves to this mode of alternate nomination and mutual confirmation.

“5. Lecturers having been named by Marischal College on Anatomy, Surgery, and

1820, August 28. Dr. Patrick Blaikie : Surgery.

In place of Dr. Barclay, deceased.

1823, August 16. Dr. Alexander Ewing : Anatomy.

In place of Dr. Skene, now Professor of Medicine, Marischal College.

1826, November 6. Mr. Alexander Fraser, M.A. : Midwifery.

1827, April 9. Dr. William Knight : Botany.

Appointment made by Marischal College, where Dr. Knight was Professor of Natural Philosophy. He had taught Botany voluntarily since 1823.

1828, December 6. Dr. James Torrie : Institutes of Medicine.

1830, April 16. Dr. Alexander Ewing : Surgery.

In place of Dr. Blaikie, deceased.

May 14. Dr. William Pirrie, M.A. : Anatomy and Physiology.

November 20. Dr. William Laing, M.A. : Clinical Medicine.

The last four appointed by Marischal College : approved by King's.

1831, January 19. Dr. John Geddes : Institutes of Medicine.

In place of Dr. Torrie, resigned.

Materia Medica, before the present plan of joint patronage was thought of, it is recommended that these appointments should in the meantime be confirmed by King's College, and that the first nomination to the vacant Lectureships should proceed from the Faculty of King's College, and be confirmed by Marischal College.

"6. In case the Professors of Medicine of the College should at any time wish to give Courses of Lectures, it will be advisable to reserve the Theory and Practice of Physic for them, the choice of either subject lying with the Professor that first undertakes the duty of lecturing. The appointment of Lecturers on these subjects may therefore be considered as *ad interim*.

"7. Should any of the Lecturers allow a Session to pass without giving a regular Course, his appointment is to be declared void, unless he shall have been prevented from doing so by bad health, or such reasons as may be deemed satisfactory by the College with which the next nomination to his lectureship lies.

"8. After the first nominations, when a vacancy is to be supplied in any of the established Courses, the College whose turn it is, shall appoint a Lecturer within six months after the vacancy has occurred ; two meetings of the Faculty having been held, at a month's interval, to consider the best mode of supplying it, and the claims of different candidates.

"9. To facilitate the arrangements necessary in opening and conducting the different Courses, it is recommended that a Standing Committee be appointed by each of the Faculties, to co-operate in superintending and promoting the objects of the Institution ; and that a Report of the state of the Medical School be made at least once a year, by this Joint Committee, to a General Meeting of the Faculties of both Universities.

"10. An equal number of Classes to be taught at each University, if required, and deemed expedient by either. In the meantime, as a room has been built at Marischal College for the Anatomical Lectures, and as the great difficulties attending the due supply of preparations, etc., would be increased by changing the place of teaching, the Anatomical Course may be given at Marischal College ; the other Courses either at King's or Marischal Colleges, as may be agreed on by the Committee."

- 1834, September 16. Dr. William Laing: Surgery.
In place of Dr. Ewing, resigned.
- 1839, July 23. Mr. Andrew Moir: Anatomy.
Dr. Alexander Kilgour: Practice of Medicine.
Lecturers in King's College only.¹
- 1839, October 22. Mr. William Templeton: Institutes of Medicine.
Mr. George Dickie: Botany.
Mr. David Kerr: Surgery.
Mr. Robert Robertson: Midwifery.
Each for a period of five years.
- November 23. Mr. William Charles Fowler: Medical Jurisprudence.
- 1840, October 20. Mr. George Dickie: Materia Medica.
- 1841, October 30. Mr. Alexander Fraser: Midwifery.
Joint Lecturer.
- 1844, March 18. Mr. E. B. Shirreffs: Anatomy.
September 28. Dr. William Templeton: Materia Medica.
October 7. Mr. William Mitchell: Institutes of Medicine.
- 1845, June 10. Dr. George Ogilvie: Institutes of Medicine.
October 25. Mr. Peter Redfern, F.R.C.S., Lond.: Anatomy.
Professor of Anatomy, Queen's College, Belfast, 1860.
- 1846, November 13. Dr. Robert Jamieson: Medical Jurisprudence.
- 1847, September 15. Mr. George Rainy: Midwifery.
- 1849, June 22. Dr. Alexander Harvey: Practice of Medicine.
Lecturer on Theory of Medicine, Marischal College; in place of Dr. Kilgour, resigned.
- July 31. Dr. David Mackintosh: Institutes of Medicine.
In place of Dr. Ogilvie, resigned.
- 1850, February 7. Mr. John Christie: Botany.
In place of Dr. Dickie, now Professor of Natural History, Queen's College, Belfast; and in 1860, Professor of Botany, University of Aberdeen.

¹ On 11th April, 1839, the Senatus unanimously resolved, *inter alia*, "that all connection with the Marischal College in reference to the Medical School shall cease from and after the close of the Session," it being "inexpedient and even dangerous to maintain any further intercourse with Marischal College respecting the Medical School, when the letter and spirit of the original agreement have been so palpably violated". The Marischal College Senatus issued a pamphlet of Extracts from their Records. The Mediciner of King's College, Dr. W. Gregory, selected as his department 'Institutes of Medicine and Practical Chemistry,' but changed to 'Materia Medica,' instead of former, 1st October.

- September 5. Mr. John Christie : Institutes of Medicine.
In place of Dr. Mackintosh, resigned.
- 1851, February 15. Mr. Wyvill Thomson : Botany.
In place of Mr. Christie. Professor of Natural History, University of Edinburgh, 1870.
- 1852, October 11. Dr. Robert Jamieson : Practice of Medicine.
In place of Dr. Harvey, resigned.
- 1853, January 22. Dr. Duncan Reid : Medical Jurisprudence.
April 9. Rev. John Longmuir : Natural History.
April 22. Rev. John Crombie Brown : Botany.
May 26. Dr. Joseph Williamson : Practice of Medicine.
- 1854, November 9. Dr. Robert Rattray : Materia Medica.
- 1857, May 1. Dr. Christie : Botany.
To act for Rev. J. C. Brown during illness.

LIBRARIANS.¹

- 1633. Mr. Robert Ogilvie, Regent.
- 1637. Mr. Alexander Middleton, Regent.
- 1642. Mr. Patrick Gordon, Regent.
- 1645. Mr. George Middleton, Regent.
- 1647. Mr. Patrick Sandilands, Regent.
- 1662. Mr. Andrew Massie, Regent.
- 1675. Mr. George Middleton, Regent.
- 16—. Mr. George Fraser, Regent.
- 1684. Mr. George Seaton.²
Catechist and Preacher of the Gospel in S. Machar's Church, Old Aberdeen.
Minister of New Machar, 1687.
- 1687. Mr. Alexander Moore.
Student of Divinity. Minister of Fraserburgh, 17—.
- 16—. Mr. John Robertson.
Library accounts, 1701-16. Died *circa* 1709.
- 1709. Mr. Alexander Gordon, Humanist.
- 1718. Mr. William Barron.
Student of Divinity. Minister of Ardclach, 1729.
- 1719. Mr. Robert Innes.
Student of Divinity. Minister of Udny, 1722.
- 1721. Mr. Hector Mackenzie.
Assistant in the Grammar School.
- 1726. Mr. James Chalmers.
Fraser Divinity Bursar. Minister of Daviot, 1731.
- 1730. Mr. Alexander Fraser.
Ibid. Minister of Avoch, 1736.

¹ There is no mention of a Library or a Librarian in the Bull of Erection, or the Foundations of 1505 or 1531. Bishop Stewart, 1532-45, is stated (*Album Amicorum Coll. Reg.*) to have "built the librarie hous and with a number of bookes furnisht the same". See "Notes on the University Libraries," *Calendar* for 1893-94, Appendix.

² Bishop Patrick Scougal (d. 1682) and his son, Mr. Henry Scougal, seem to have presented upwards of 1000 volumes to the Library, on the understanding that the College should "entertain a Student of Divinity at the College table, who should be Bibliothecary, and should keep the doors of the Library patent two hours in the day".

1733. Mr. Thomas Gordon.
Assistant Regent, 1734.
1740. Mr. Hector Fraser.
Fraser Divinity Bursar.¹
1741. Mr. Alexander Nicolson.
Ibid.
1744. Mr. Patrick Gordon.
Ibid. Minister of Thurso, 1752.
1747. Mr. John Lundie.
Ibid.
1748. Mr. Alexander Fraser.
Ibid.
1752. Mr. William Jack.
Ibid. Master of Northmaving, 1765. D.D., 1803. Father of Principal Jack.
1756. Mr. Hugh Macleod.
1759. Mr. William Balingal.
Master of the Parish School, Old Aberdeen.
1766. Mr. John Orcherton.
1771. Mr. John Gray.
1800. Mr. Ewen Maclachlan.
Assistant to Mr. Gray, parochial schoolmaster. To receive 300 merks Scots per annum. Succeeded Mr. Gray 1819; died 1822. Author of *Metrical Effusions*, etc.
1819. Mr. John Memes.
Substitute for Fraser Bursar. Minister of Hamilton, 1844. And
Mr. William Campbell.
Watt Bursar.
1821. Mr. William Campbell.
1823. Mr. Andrew Fraser.
Fraser Bursar. Minister of Oyne, 1843.
1826. Mr. Alexander Fraser.
Ibid. "Absconded" in 1830 with a number of books (2nd Report of 1836-7 Commission, p. 111).

¹ By will, of date 10th September, 1730, Dr. James Fraser, a frequent benefactor of the College, bequeathed £220, South Sea Stock, for the maintenance, *inter alios*, of "a bursar in theology and library keeper during four years . . . of the name of Fraser of the town or shire of Inverness"; to receive £6 per annum and to be nominated by the magistrates and ministers of Inverness "out of their school" with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Inverness.

1830. Mr. Simon Fraser.

Ibid. When he demitted in 1834 many volumes were missing, and a portion of his salary was retained as compensation. (*Ibid.*) Afterwards minister of Free Church, Canada.

1834. Rev. Alexander Taylor.

See under "Murray Lecturers".

1839. Mr. Robert Cruickshank.

1841. Mr. John Primrose.

1844. Dr. George Dickie.

Lecturer on Botany. Professor in the University of Aberdeen, 1860.

1849. Rev. James Leslie.

1850. Dr. Robert Bower.

1856. Rev. Thomas Annand.

Minister of Keith, 1857.

1857. Rev. John Fyfe.

• See under "Regents," 1821. Librarian in the University of Aberdeen, 1860; Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1876. •

CANTORS.¹

15—. Mr. James Awell.

Name appears from July, 1519 (*Gordon*, I. 75), to April, 1546 (O. C., x. 1).

15—. Mr. John Hay.

Name appears from May, 1549 (Parch. Chart., p. 130), to June, 1567 (*Gordon*, II. 175).

1634, February 21. Mr. Gilbert Ross.

O. C., xxiii. 23. In April, 1639, was "dischargeit as ane vnprofitabill member" by a Commission or General Assembly (*Spalding*, I. 166).

¹"Insuper . . . pro divini cultus . . . majori augmentatione volumus et ordinamus quod sint in dicto collegio octo prebendarii in sacerdotio constituti . . . inter quos . . . primus erit Cantor cujus officium erit in elevatione et depressione circa cantum cantores regere et chorum gubernare ac ministros altaris in tabula ordinare scholas per se tenere et in eisdem hujusmodi quatuor pueros et alios bursarios in cantu instruere et docere ac singulos in choro et scholis transgressores et errores circa cantum et ceremonias punire corrigere et reformare . . . assignamus predicto Cantori viginti marcas." *Foundation of 1505*.

"Quia constituimus dictum Cantorem principaliorem personam inter dictos capellanos volumus quod singulis annis ultra prefatam suam distributionem percipiet a procuratore dicti collegii et fructibus ejusdem tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios pro superpelliceo caputio foderato et almushouse de byse per eundem inveniendis." *Confirmation of 1531*.

SACRISTS.¹

- 15—. Mr. Patrick Hay.
Name appears, 1519 (*Gordon*, I. 75).
- 15—. Mr. James Portar.
Named in Charters 12th February, 153⁷₈ (Parch. Chart., p. 141), and 17th April, 1539 (O. C., xix. 5).
- 15—. Mr. Alexander Wrycht.
Named in Charters from 3rd December, 1541, to 5th March, 157⁴₅ (*Gordon*, II. 177, 175).
- 16—. Alexander Cruickshank.
Named in Charters from 21st November, 1609, to 5th August, 1626 (*Gordon*, II. 177, 179).
- 16—. Patrick Innes.
Minutes from 27th December, 1638, to 1st January, 1643.
- 1666, October 24. John Ross.
- 1711, August 22. John Hay.
In place of Ross, deceased.
- 1717, December 16. Alexander Irving.
In place of Hay, discharged. Cf. Minute of 1st May, 1716, when John Dey is "porter" or sub-janitor. Latter gets £8 yearly for taking care of the clock, 7th November, 1720; demits on account of age and infirmity 20th November, 1739, when his son, James Dey, succeeds.
- 1722, December 10. Robert Gordon.
In place of Irving, deceased.
- 1733, July 9. Archibald Campbell.
In place of Gordon, deceased. Excise officer at Bridge of Don (Rect. Min.). Fiscal to Dr. Alexander Fraser, baillie for College Bounds, 14th November, 1735.
- 1751, April 22. Thomas Spark.
In place of Campbell, demitted. Servant to Sir Arthur Forbes: to be Sacrist and Economist; but ceases to hold latter office 16th August, 1753.

¹The Sacrist was originally one of the Prebendaries, and ranked next to the Cantor. His duties are detailed at great length in the Foundations of 1505 and 1531. His priestly functions ceased at the Reformation.

175-. James Dey.

Thomas Mitchell becomes porter, but is discharged for keeping a public house 20th September, 1757, when James Cock succeeds; followed by James Rennie, 29th April, 1795.

1761, February 14. John Robertson.

In place of Dey, deceased. Servant to Sir Arthur Fraser, Lord Strichen (2nd November). Suspended for three weeks, because of repeated acts of drunkenness, 12th February, 1794. On 7th November, 1795, "still frequently gets drunk".

179-. James Rennie.

Previously sub-janitor; succeeded in latter office by John Thomson.

1803, June 11. John Thomson.

Previously sub-janitor; succeeded in latter office by David Cromar.

1843, October 7. John Smith.

In place of Thomson, deceased. Had succeeded Cromar as sub-janitor 2nd November, 1842; and in turn was succeeded by John Begg, 1st November, 1843. Smith and Begg remained in office till the union in 1860.

ECONOMISTS.¹

- 158⁵, February 26. Beroald Innes.
 "Lector verbi dei apud ecclesiam sancti Mauritii" (O. C. xxxv. 16).
- 1631, October 28. Thomas Mercer.
 Contract (N. C., lii.).
- 16—. James Fraser.
Liber Rationum, September 20, 1653.
- 1668, June 13. George Straton.
 In place of Fraser, demitted. Minute of Agreement (N. C., lii.). Salary
 6 bolls meal, 6 bolls bear and 100 merks.
- 16—. Robert Wilsone.
- 1718, July 30. George Law.
 In place of Wilsone, discharged.
- 1722, August, 22. William Jaffray.
 In place of Law. Cf. July 2.
- 17—. Alexander Walker.
- 1743, March 23. Archibald Campbell.
 Sacrist. In place of Walker, discharged.
- 1751, April 22. Thomas Spark.
 In place of Campbell, demitted.
- 1753, August 16. Alexander Leslie.
 Vintner, Edinburgh.
- 1756, October 1. Miss Eleanor Ker.
- 1764, April 9. Mrs. Webster.
- 17—. Mrs. Low.
- 1809, Mrs. Strachan.
 In place of Mrs. Low.
- 1816, October 12. Mrs. Skinner.

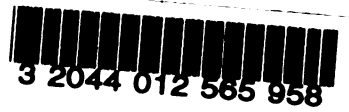
¹ The term *Economus* does not occur in the early Foundations, though mention is made of a "Provisor idoneus qui eorundem in dicto collegio expensis quoad esculenta et poculenta provideat". The functions of the *Economus* are described in the *Nova Fundatio*. (Appx. II.)

1818, August 25. Mrs. Morison.

1823, October 26. Mrs. Westland.

1826, October 9. Mrs. Captain Pirie.

1836, January 30. Economus warned to remove at Whitsunday.



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